Yahoo Group Archive: VibroplexCollectorsAssn

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1. Welcome to the Vibroplex Collector's Association Yahoo Group.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-07 08:02:29 UTC
From: Pete
Topic: 1 Message: 1

Hi,

Welcome to the Vibroplex Collector's Association Group here on Yahoo.com.
If you don't already belong, please visit the website;
http://www.vibroplexcollectors.org and join (FREE) today.

You can exchange information here on the yahoo group with other collectors.
Thanks,
Pete K5PRT

2. Thanks Pete for starting the new group

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-07 09:38:47 UTC
From: bill_nt9k
Topic: 2 Message: 2

There was a problem with the link you posted to the SKCC group.
Here is the corrected link:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/VibroplexCollectorsAssn/
Was there also a separate website setup?

I know about this one:
http://www.vibroplexparts.com/
If you all haven't checked this one out, it's brand new from Pete too!

73, Bill NT9K
http://www.nt9k.com

3. new group

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-07 14:06:39 UTC
From: w0szv
Topic: 3 Message: 3

Thanks Pete for the new group. I belong to the original group but seems I never remembered to find the web site. This will make things a lot easier to share info. I think I have about 30 different keys around the shack and at least half of them are vibroplex of one kind or another. Will post some photos at a later time. thanks again for the new yahoo group. Eldon w0szv

4. R: [VibroplexCollectorsAssn] new group

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-07 16:25:43 UTC
From: colt45auto@virgilio.it
Topic: 4 Message: 4

HI Eldon.Yes, Pete had good idea to start this new Group.
I hope to share infos.
73 de Fabio, IK0IXI - KF1B

----Messaggio originale----

Da: skip4450@...

Data: 7-dic-2010 15.06

A: <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>

Ogg: [VibroplexCollectorsAssn] new group

----Messaggio originale----

Da: skip4450@...

Data: 7-dic-2010 15.06

A: <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>

Ogg: [VibroplexCollectorsAssn] new group

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5. Vibroplex parts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-07 17:38:20 UTC
From: pncengineering
Topic: 5 Message: 5

I would love to see a Vibroplex parts folder. There are a lot of us that would like to swap or sell and buy parts. We could have 2 folders if possible? Perhaps one for bugs parts that were Post 1940 when the plastic and chrome changes were made, and another for Pre 1940's for the Nickle items.
I'm sure all of us have run into a time or two where we've been scouring the internet looking for Old pre 1920's parts with no avail. This could really help some people out. What say the group?

Michael
N6MQL

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6. hello gang.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-08 18:05:37 UTC
From: ac5cw
Topic: 6 Message: 6

Name is Eric, Callsign AC5CW VCA number 25.. I collect Vibroplex bugs, older straight keys, and whatever key interest me :-) Love telegraphy.

7. New file uploaded to VibroplexCollectorsAssn

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-10 03:18:12 UTC
From: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 7 Message: 7

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the VibroplexCollectorsAssn
group.

File : /Wanted Parts, All/I need the following
Uploaded by : pncengineering <notforchat@...>
Description : Parts request

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/VibroplexCollectorsAssn/files/Wanted%20Parts%2C%20All/I%20need%20the%20following

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.html
Regards,

pncengineering <notforchat@...>

8. Question about knurled screws on weights

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-14 22:43:41 UTC
From: tadeyev
Topic: 8 Message: 8

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Anyone know more about that?
73
Theo

9. RE: [VibroplexCollectorsAssn] Question about knurled screws on weights

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-14 23:50:25 UTC
From: Pete Theer
Topic: 8 Message: 9

Hi Theo,

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http://www.k5prt.com/equipment_bugs.html

Hope that helps.

73,
Pete, K5PRT

> [Original Message]
> From: tadeyev <pa1z@...>
> To: <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
> Date: 12/14/2010 4:43:41 PM
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10. Re: Question about knurled screws on weights

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-15 00:04:48 UTC
From: pncengineering
Topic: 8 Message: 10

Theo,

It sounds to me like what you have is actually a weight, or just the screw portion, from a Speed-X key. It wasn't unusual for people to exchange the weights from one key to the other.
Do a Google search for Speed-X 501 and see if it matches what you're talking about. I think you'll find that to be the case.

If you really want to change it out, since it's Chrome, and made after 1946, you can easily buy the replacement screw for that From Scott at Vibroplex. He sells them for about $3 each.

Michael
N6MQL

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11. Re: Question about knurled screws on weights

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-15 00:10:58 UTC
From: pncengineering
Topic: 8 Message: 11

After looking at Pete's Zephyr and Champion bugs I can clearly see that these are NOT the type of screws I was refering to and I was wrong about my assement. These are NOT Speed-X screws. Please retract what I had stated. It seems that perhaps Pete can confirm that these may be stock screws after all. Sorry for any confusion,

Michael
N6MQL

--- In VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com, "Pete Theer" <k5prt@...> wrote:
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12. Re: Question about knurled screws on weights

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-15 00:44:58 UTC
From: tadeyev
Topic: 8 Message: 12

Hi Pete,
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My Blue Racer dates from 1953; Like you mention, I still haven't found other Racers with these screws, but it is interesting to know that they were part of the Vibroplex set up. I suspect that if the suppliers were delayed with the regular screws, these were just used instead ?

I know the original owner never fiddled with this key, so this is really the way it left NYC back then.
73 Theo PA1Z

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13. Re: Question about knurled screws on weights

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-15 03:46:39 UTC
From: pncengineering
Topic: 8 Message: 13

An interesting thought... The other day I had an old Dah Round Paddle that I was working on from a 1917 Original. I pulled the screw out of the paddle and what I found looked almost exactally like what Pete and yourself have in your keys holding the weights!
It's possible that like you suggested, the screws were back ordered, and they used those paddle screws instead??? You never know.

Michael
N6MQL

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14. Re: screws on weights - photo posted

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-27 10:49:43 UTC
From: Pete
Topic: 8 Message: 14

I just found a photo of the odd screws mentioned on a 1954 Blue Racer and posted the photo in the group's photo section in the folder "Odd Vibroplex Screws" in case anyone else has this apparent "anomaly". The photo is very clear.

73,
Pete K5PRT

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15. Re: screws on weights - photo posted

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-27 17:44:30 UTC
From: tadeyev
Topic: 8 Message: 15

Hi Pete,
Thanks for posting this.
The key in the picture and mine are identical in every detail, including the lack of any chrome on the shovel head screws.

But if it came from eBay it is not the one I have in any case ;-)
Wonder what the serial number is on this key .?

I will also post a picture of mine later in the week for comparison.
73
Theo

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16. RE: [VCA-USA] Re: screws on weights - photo posted

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-27 19:07:33 UTC
From: Pete Theer
Topic: 8 Message: 16

I must not have had the serial # because if I know it, I would have included it in the filename. I blew up the picture and can make out some of the umbers, and if it is 1954 the first 2 must be 18, the third is a apparently a 5 and the last two appear to be 22, so it follows, if you put it all together, the serial # would be 185?22. I would guess the ? is a 6, but that's just a guess because it doesn't look like any of the other numbers..

The filename is blue_racer_1954.jpg

Pete
K5PRT

> [Original Message]
> From: tadeyev <pa1z@...>
> To: <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
> Date: 12/27/2010 11:44:38 AM
> Subject: [VCA-USA] Re: screws on weights - photo posted
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17. Ebay and packaging fiascos

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-30 15:32:50 UTC
From: tadeyev
Topic: 17 Message: 17

Hello all,

Just a warning for everyone;
Even if someone has sold a lot of Vibroplexes on Ebay, don't think they will know how to package them properly for shipment!

An expensive Lightning Bug just came from the USA, seemingly perfectly packed. No damage on outside of box, nothing.

When I unpacked it, the lever was bent and damaged .

Seller packed it in bubble wrap and then filled box with those peanuts. With something as heavy as this, all that happens is the key drops to the bottom or side of the box through the peanuts and gets banged around. The lever sticks out of course, and just gets bashed.

All it needed was some cardboard taped here and there and tight packing with crushed newspapers. I can't understand why people can't think of these things!

I don't want to leave negative feedback, as I don't think the seller meant harm. But gosh, why can't people use their nuggets better?

If you buy on Ebay, better instruct any seller beforehand on packaging to avoid disappointment.
73's
Theo

18. Re: [VCA-USA] Ebay and packaging fiascos

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-30 15:44:38 UTC
From: Pete Theer K5PRT
Topic: 17 Message: 18

When I purchase a bug of any kind, I ask the seller to refer to this page before shipping:

http://www.telegraph-office.com/pages/pack.html

or at the very least remove the finger pieces to prevent breakage.

73,
Pete,
K5PRT

-----Original Message-----
>From: tadeyev <pa1z@...>
>Sent: Dec 30, 2010 9:32 AM
>To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
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19. Bug shipping Nightmare

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-30 15:54:07 UTC
From: Pete Theer
Topic: 19 Message: 19

Talk about a nightmare. I purchased a 1944 Vibroplex Zephyr on eBay a couple of months ago and the seller "packed" it rolled in 3 layers of small bubble wrap and stuffed in a "PRIORITY MAIL ENVELOPE" !! Needless to say it arrived in pieces. The upper pivot for the lever (press fit) was pulled from the triangular plate. I used a vise to return it to where it belonged. I was very lucky that after hours of TLC (Tender Loving Care) I was able to reassemble and adjust it.

73,
Pete
K5PRT

> [Original Message]
> From: tadeyev <pa1z@...>
> To: <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
> Date: 12/30/2010 9:32:53 AM
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20. Email address help

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-30 16:10:30 UTC
From: Pete Theer
Topic: 20 Message: 20

I found two discrepancies in John Elwood WW7P's vibroplex dating document:

http://www.la.ca.us/frandy/dating.html (or on the Vibroplex website)

I emailed John Elwood at WW7P@... and the message was NOT returned undeliverable, but I never got response or at lease an acknowledgement. I noticed at the bottom of the document was (c) Randy Cole and email "vibroplex@...". Two emails to that address were returned undeliverable. After some more research, still no joy. Can anyone lead me in the right direction to get the info to the right place?

73,
Pete
K5PRT

> [Original Message]
> From: Pete Theer <k5prt@...>
> To: <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
> Date: 12/30/2010 9:54:33 AM
> Subject: [VCA-USA] Bug shipping Nightmare
>
> Talk about a nightmare. I purchased a 1944 Vibroplex Zephyr on eBay a
> couple of months ago and the seller "packed" it rolled in 3 layers of
small
> bubble wrap and stuffed in a "PRIORITY MAIL ENVELOPE" !! Needless to say
> it arrived in pieces. The upper pivot for the lever (press fit) was
pulled
> from the triangular plate. I used a vise to return it to where it
> belonged. I was very lucky that after hours of TLC (Tender Loving Care) I
> was able to reassemble and adjust it.
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> 73,
> Pete
> K5PRT
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> > [Original Message]
> > From: tadeyev <pa1z@...>
> > To: <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
> > Date: 12/30/2010 9:32:53 AM
> > Subject: [VCA-USA] Ebay and packaging fiascos
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21. Re: [VCA-USA] Ebay and packaging fiascos

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-30 16:53:48 UTC
From: Fabio Bonucci - IK0IXI, KF1B
Topic: 17 Message: 21

HI guys.
Yes, I agree with Pete.
I always ask to remove at least the arm before shipping; it is the best way to avoid damages.

I wish you Happy 2011 !!

Fabio, IK0IXI - KF1B

----- Original Message -----
From: Pete Theer K5PRT
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2010 4:44 PM
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Ebay and packaging fiascos

When I purchase a bug of any kind, I ask the seller to refer to this page before shipping:

http://www.telegraph-office.com/pages/pack.html

or at the very least remove the finger pieces to prevent breakage.

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Pete,
K5PRT

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22. Re: [VCA-USA] Ebay and packaging fiascos

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-30 18:12:02 UTC
From: tadeyev
Topic: 17 Message: 22

Gonna put that link in my bookmarks!
Thxs,
Theo

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23. [VCA-USA] Re: screws on weights - photo posted

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-30 18:11:02 UTC
From: tadeyev
Topic: 8 Message: 23

Hi Pete,
I uploaded a picture of my Blue Racer, serial 187185 to your album.
You can see the screws are the same. It must mean that there are a lot of other keys out there with the same screws since these two keys differ by circa 2,000 units ?
Thanks again or posting and responding, I appreciate it!
73
Theo

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> included it in the filename. I blew up the picture and can make out some
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> apparently a 5 and the last two appear to be 22, so it follows, if you put
> it all together, the serial # would be 185?22. I would guess the ? is a 6,
> but that's just a guess because it doesn't look like any of the other
> numbers..
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> The filename is blue_racer_1954.jpg
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> Pete
> K5PRT
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> > [Original Message]
> > From: tadeyev <pa1z@...>
> > To: <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
> > Date: 12/27/2010 11:44:38 AM
> > Subject: [VCA-USA] Re: screws on weights - photo posted
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24. RE: [VCA-USA] Re: screws on weights - photo posted

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2010-12-30 19:16:39 UTC
From: Pete Theer
Topic: 8 Message: 24

I'm glad to help !!

Happy New Year!

73,
Pete K5PRT

> [Original Message]
> From: tadeyev <pa1z@...>
> To: <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
> Date: 12/30/2010 1:08:18 PM
> Subject: [VCA-USA] Re: screws on weights - photo posted
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25. A new approach to slowing a bug.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-02-09 03:16:38 UTC
From: richard_meiss
Topic: 25 Message: 25

Hi, All -

At the risk of seeming to be a heretic, I thought you might like to see another approach to slowing down a classical bug without doing it any injury. Previous approaches have all, as far as I know, relied on adding weight or length to the pendulum. These approaches work pretty well, although they to change the look and feel of the bug somewhat. My new approach uses opposed permanent magnets to make a "negative spring" that effectively reduces the stiffness of the mainspring of the bug without changing it physically.

You can see a PDF about the approach in the Files section of this group, and a video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPAuyzpw1Uw
Hopefully the device does not upset the looks of the bug, but it is completely removable (and can remain in place even when it is not slowing the bug down).

73 de Rich, WB9LPU

26. Restore or Treasure As-Is?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-02-18 18:41:52 UTC
From: w1krt
Topic: 26 Message: 26

Hi All.
I'm new to the group and have a basic question- the answer to which is probably "It depends...". I will go ahead and ask anyway. Suggestions are most welcome.

A few years ago I acquired a 1914 Martin Nr 4 (Blue Racer). It shows its age but is complete and appears to be all original. I know it is from 1914 by the serial number- B5xx - one of the first hundred Blue Racers made.

I love it as it is, but I think it is a good candidate for a SKILLED (i.e. not by me) restoration, as all the parts are there and the present condition is pretty rough. Much of the nickel plating is gone and the base is blue, but a large chip in one cornet reveals a "Japanned" finish underneath. When I got it, it was additionally covered over by a gold-(almost mustard-) color paint, most of which I have removed.

What do you think? Due to its age and status as a very early Blue Racer, no doubt hand made by H.G.M. himself, I don't want to mess it up. Some of the missing nickel is likely due to my initial "cleaning". At this point I try to keep the dust off, but beyond that don't fool with it. In fact, it normally resides inside a box. Safe from dust, but also out of sight and more difficult to enjoy the beauty of. I'm not mechanically inclined, but to my eye the proportions of the Blue Racer are truly beautiful. To me, the 3-inch wide keys are fat and clunky looking.

Comments?

27. Re: Restore or Treasure As-Is?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-02-19 04:40:47 UTC
From: dk4xl
Topic: 26 Message: 27

Hi,

I own some of the oldest Vibroplexes which are known to exist.

I would never change the condition of such an old key but it is not possible to give an advice without having seen the condition of your bug. If there is rust, you MUST do something to protect the key but every other kind of restoration should only be done after careful consideration.

Would you be so kind and send me a photo ? I would like so send you photos of some very early Bxxx Blue Racers in their original as-found condition and restored (some of them to death).

Btw: no doubt that it is more than unlikely that Horace Martin built this bug himself. Beginning in 1902, he would have made 10,000 keys by hand, and he suffered from CTS.

Best regards
Martin
DK4XL

28. Re: Restore or Treasure As-Is?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-02-19 17:17:14 UTC
From: cameldriver777@aol.com
Topic: 26 Message: 28

Martin and Ken, Please send me some photos of your keys, would love to see them. My email is _cameldriver777@..._ (mailto:cameldriver777@...) . I have downsized from about 20 plus bugs down to 10 now. I have 2 1914 Model 4 Racers, a 1917, and 1926. Love the Racers. Thanks for the posts. 73, Pete, W5PEH

29. Re: Restore or Treasure As-Is? DK4XL

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-02-20 21:10:55 UTC
From: cameldriver777@aol.com
Topic: 29 Message: 29

Martin, I keep getting MAILER DAEMONS when I try to send you an email. I asked Ken to try and forward my last email to you.... I tried several times but keep getting an error that says you have exhausted space etc..... tks es 73 Pete W5PEH

30. 1966 Presentation

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-04 18:43:52 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 30 Message: 30

Hello Everyone

Picked up what I thought was a presnetation.

It has the La Hiff's adjustment, the "Gold Plate" and red finger pieces.

However, the base is glossy gun metal grey color.

According to my readings, all presnentations had chromed bases.

The photo was black and white so I didn't looked at the base closely.

Was fixated on the La Hiff mainspring adjustment.

My question is :

Has anyone seen a presentation with other than the chromed base?

Tnx Fernando N2FQ/6

31. Re: [VCA-USA] 1966 Presentation

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-04 22:27:11 UTC
From: dk4xl@web.de
Topic: 30 Message: 31

No, never - I have 350 Presentations in my files
and ALL of them have a chromed base.

Easy to swap levers or to build a presentation
lever into a standard bug.

Martin
DK4XL

Von: Fernando
Gesendet: 04.03.2011 19:43:52
An: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Betreff: [VCA-USA] 1966 Presentation

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Jetzt informieren: http://produkte.web.de/go/webdefreephone

32. Re: [VCA-USA] 1966 Presentation

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-04 23:00:09 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 30 Message: 32

Fernando-
The Vibroplex Collector's Guide, by Tom French, Third Edition, page 87 states, "It (the Presentation) included the features of the Deluxe Original, with its jewel bearings and a chrome plated base. But in addition, a gold plated brass plate was mounted on the base, and a La Hiff adjustable mainspring was used on the pendulum assembly." There is no mention of any other type of base other than chrome plated, from its first advertising in 1948 until the loss of the La Hiff mainspring in 1979.
73 Carl WZ4CW

33. 1966 Presentation

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-05 20:45:10 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 30 Message: 33

Hello

Thanks to everyone who responded. I do have French's book
and had consulted it. I also spoke with Vibroplex
while ordering the top jeweled screw and
Mr. Robbins affirmed that all presentations come with chromed
bases.

I suppose that it could have been misrepresented although
when I purchased it their was no mention of it being a presentation
model.

I'll get it going and see how it plays.

Again thanks to all who took the time to post.

Some pictures here:
<http://pages.sbcglobal.net/n2fq/Presentation/presentation.html>

73 Fernando N2FQ/6

34. Estate sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-14 03:01:44 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 34 Message: 34

I'm helping a friend with an estate sale of ham radio equipemnt. They have a Vibroplex lightning bug in very good condition and I'm trying to determine it's value. It's S/N is 384989. Can anyone suggest what would be a fair price for this bug?

Thanks for any help

Tom - KØTW

35. Re: [VCA-USA] Estate sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-14 15:37:37 UTC
From: k8ljg@comcast.net
Topic: 34 Message: 35
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Tom,

Do you have a picture of this bug ? I am enclosing a picture of a lighting bug that is for sale, It is the deluxe model, from around 1941. Price is $100. I would say your key is in the 1962 area.

I have a friend that may be intrested in the key, I will contact him.

John K8LJG

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36. Re: [VCA-USA] Estate sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-14 17:19:22 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 34 Message: 36

I've sent a picture of the lighning bug mentioned to John, K8LJG off-line but thought I'd post a picture here in the 'Photos' section of this group. You can view the picture under album "W7XH_estate".

The XYL of W7XH plans to take a bunch of things to a local ham swap meet on 3/26 and has asked me to help her understand what a fair price would be for this bug. So any help from the group would be much appreciated. Thanks again.

Tom - K0TW

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37. Re: [VCA-USA] Estate sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-14 22:21:43 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 34 Message: 37
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

#510CBC ... 1959 Lightning Bug.

A nice Standard model Lightning Bug. The D6 plate and 208xxx serial number date it to 1959. This is in very good condition. There are two light areas on the base which might scrub off, one at the end of the circuit closer arm, the other near the fixed dot contact post. Otherwise the base finish is near fine. This key is complete, and works well.

Another view.
Close-up of nameplate.

$189.00

Tom-

The above info is for a Standard 1959 Lightning. The one you are trying to price is a Standard 1977 Lightning. Since it is not as old as the one above, a fair price for it may be somewhat less than $189.

73 Carl WZ4CW

38. Re: [VCA-USA] Estate sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-14 23:18:25 UTC
From: Eric Holmes
Topic: 34 Message: 38

I Purchased a Standard Lightning Bug made in 1976, I bought it for $100.00 and that included shipping cost from California. The actual cost of the bug was Around $80.00-$85.00. If she plans to sell it a hamfest, i would start at $125.00 and accept any offer between $90.00 and $125.   DE AC5CW

39. Re: [VCA-USA] Estate sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-14 23:27:31 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 34 Message: 39

Thank you, Eric! That's more good info which I will pass along to her.

Tom - K0TW

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40. Re: [VCA-USA] Estate sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-14 22:34:42 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 34 Message: 40

Thank you, Carl. I think I'll advise her to start at $125 and see what the market will bear. I really appreciate the help since I had no idea of bug values.

Tom - K0TW

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> A nice Standard model Lightning Bug. The D6 plate and 208xxx serial number date it to 1959. This is in very good condition. There are two light areas on the base which might scrub off, one at the end of the circuit closer arm, the other near the fixed dot contact post. Otherwise the base finish is near fine. This key is complete, and works well.
>
> Another view.
> Close-up of nameplate.
>
> $189.00
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> Tom-
>
> The above info is for a Standard 1959 Lightning. The one you are trying to price is a Standard 1977 Lightning. Since it is not as old as the one above, a fair price for it may be somewhat less than $189.
>
> 73 Carl WZ4CW
>

41. RE: [VCA-USA] Estate sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-15 02:19:57 UTC
From: The Smiths
Topic: 34 Message: 41

If you're selling at a ham fest you'll be lucky to get $50, if you're starting it on eBay start is LOW, like $25, it will be bid up higher than if you start it at $125. There's something about "winning" that people can't help resist. If you give them a chance to keep bidding it up, they will. If you start it high, no one will feel like they're getting a deal, or the 'upper hand' in the situation. This is psychology.
If you're at a Ham swap meet than you may as well expect to get 1/2 of that for sure. Hams are generally cheap and don't want to put out a lot of cash. Good luck with your friends sale.

Michael
N6MQL

To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@...m
From: k0tw@...
Date: Mon, 14 Mar 2011 22:34:42 +0000
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Estate sale

Thank you, Carl. I think I'll advise her to start at $125 and see what the market will bear. I really appreciate the help since I had no idea of bug values.

Tom - K0TW

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42. Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-18 12:33:30 UTC
From: jermunn1
Topic: 42 Message: 42

I have a Vibroplex Champion, serial number 117148, that has been converted for left hand use. It is in good condition. Asking $50.00 plus $10.00 shipping to US addresses. Pictures available.

43. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-18 15:48:07 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 42 Message: 43

No Name Or Call-
What does "converted" mean? Is it a "right-hand" model that has had some changes made, or is it a "left-hand" model? If changes made, what are the changes?
73 Carl WZ4CW, SKCC 918, FISTS 13491

44. Re: Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-30 19:11:15 UTC
From: jermunn1
Topic: 42 Message: 44

--- In VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com, "jermunn1" <jermunn1@...> wrote:
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SOLD

45. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-30 19:12:04 UTC
From: jermunn1
Topic: 42 Message: 45

sorry - sold it. It meant that the previous owner flipped everything over so he could use it left handed.

--- In VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com, "Carl Wulfestieg" <ag4ls@...> wrote:
>
> No Name Or Call-
> What does "converted" mean? Is it a "right-hand" model that has had some changes made, or is it a "left-hand" model? If changes made, what are the changes?
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46. Re: Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-30 19:12:38 UTC
From: jermunn1
Topic: 42 Message: 46

unit is SOLD
Thanks.

--- In VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com, "jermunn1" <jermunn1@...> wrote:
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47. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-30 19:30:19 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 42 Message: 47

Still No Name??
". . . flipped everything over . . . " Impossible! Everything?? Did he turn the base over also?? I don't believe it! You can't convert a right hand model into a left hand model by "flipping". It's just an improperly assembled right hand model.
73 Carl WZ4CW

48. Vibroplex Champion

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-30 19:35:12 UTC
From: John
Topic: 48 Message: 48

I have a Vibroplex Champion that I would like to swap for a Vibrokeyer.
The S/N is 119595. I would be open to selling the Champion to buy a used Vibrokeyer.

49. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-30 22:10:52 UTC
From: N2FQ
Topic: 42 Message: 49

Hello

I believe you can if you put all the parts on the bottom side of the base. Although,

the bottom side may not be finished as the original top side.

So the posts would be on the left, the damper would face the left and

the frame will be in the same holes. However, the tag would now be in the underside.

Of course, if you go through this trouble, you might as well drift out the tag

pins and elocated to the new top. hi..

I believe the distinguishing features of a left handed bug are

the post are on the left side of the base, the damper faces left and of course

the finger pieces are reversed. Oh and the tag is turned around.

Fernando N2FQ/6

On Mar 30, 2011, at 12:30, "Carl Wulfestieg" <ag4ls@...> wrote:

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50. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-30 22:26:59 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 42 Message: 50

Fernando-
OK - If you want to prove a point, sure, but are you going to turn the pendulum upside down also? If you don't, the contacts won't match. What a monstrosity it would be? I wouldn't want one like that.
73 Carl WZ4CW

51. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-03-30 22:36:02 UTC
From: N2FQ
Topic: 42 Message: 51

A very good point that I missed. The dot contact collar can be rotated but

the dash lever would have to be turned around neccesitating the removal of the

fulcrum pivot.

Thanks Carl for that point.

I guess the easiest would be to reverse the finger pieces hi..

Fernando N2FQ/6

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> Fernando-
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52. 1919 Vibroplex sticker

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-05-22 20:08:28 UTC
From: W9ILF
Topic: 52 Message: 52

I just acquired a 1919 Vibroplex Blue Racer. It has the remnants of the sticker left on the key. Does anyone have a PDF or place I can go to get this vintage sticker made into a format I can then take and have a vinyl decal made?

Thanks for any help.

Ivin W9ILF

53. Re: 1919 Vibroplex sticker

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-05-25 12:42:10 UTC
From: mm1ewa
Topic: 52 Message: 53

Hi

Maybe you could ask Fred KT5X if he still has the files he used to make the decals for his restorations, check his website kt5x.com for further details.

To be honest though, for a 1919 key if some of the sticker remained I'd just leave it as it is.

Cheers

Michael - MM1EWA/KD0LEJ

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54. #4 Blue Racer Damper

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-08-18 02:15:11 UTC
From: William
Topic: 54 Message: 54

Does anyone know where to get a U damper for an old blue racer?
I understand that they are cast but has anyone machined one out of brass?
Any parts keys with a damper available?

Bill,wv1n

55. Alligator Finish

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-08-22 12:04:56 UTC
From: William
Topic: 55 Message: 55

I recently acquired a 1935 Lightning with an unusual finish. The surface has small bumps in it (like alligator skin) and it has pinstripes like the japanned models.
Has anyone heard of or seen this before?

Thanks,
Bill WV1N

56. What to do with a 1962 Bug?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-09-21 21:26:06 UTC
From: lecontejoe
Topic: 56 Message: 56

I use a 1950 Lightning Bug from the estate of a Southern Pacific railroad telegrapher -- it came in a box complete with a shipping tag identifying him by name.

I have the story of this Bug on my website where it was seen by a lady who is cleaning out her late husband's ham gear. She sent the following email to me:

QUOTE

Whilst cleaning out the old garage at my husband's childhood residence, I came across a box containing a Vibroplex "Original" model, serial number 228881. The box is the original cardboard box it came in and the device appears to be in excellent condition. Is there a source for finding out the value of this and whether anyone would be interested in buying it? I did a brief bit of research to find that it was probably made in about 1961. My husband died a couple of years ago and was at one time an avid "ham" radio enthusiast. It's time for me to find a home for much of his old things. Any information you could offer me would be greatly appreciated.

END QUOTE

The serial number dates this Bug to 1962. I have no idea what to tell her about the value. I thought about telling her to put it on eBay but I have no idea if she even knows how to use eBay. I plan to tell her to contact a few local hams and ask if they would help her dispose of her husband's equipment -- I figure a couple of hams would ensure that she doesn't get low-balled or robbed of something that may be valuable.

What do you folks suggest I tell her about the Bug? If anyone is interested in it, contact me with your email address, I'll sent you email address to her and she can contact you.

Thanks,
W4HH

57. Re: What to do with a 1962 Bug?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-09-21 22:32:42 UTC
From: ghh987
Topic: 56 Message: 57

May I suggest going to www.collectorsweekly.com/ and in the search box, upper right corner, type in: telegraph. That will take you to EBay and you can see many Vibroplex keys on offer and one of the links on that page is for "completed" and there you will see how much they went for. The purchaser usualy pays for shipping.

Vibroplex keys are still being made and sold. Any Ham Radio Retailer can quote a new price for a new key. Google "Vibroplex" for their website.

Good luck and 73 de Gord, VE3CNA

--- In VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com, "lecontejoe" <lecontejoe@...> wrote:
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> W4HH
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58. Vibroplex pennant flag

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-09-24 19:52:35 UTC
From: m0ghq
Topic: 58 Message: 58

Does anyone have a Vibroplex pennant flag they could sell me?
73 Max
M0GHQ

59. New file uploaded to VibroplexCollectorsAssn

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-10-02 14:52:41 UTC
From: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 7 Message: 59

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the VibroplexCollectorsAssn
group.

File : /Pre 1940 Parts/Original1925.txt
Uploaded by : jralu1kak <jralu1kak@...>
Description : Need Parts Original 1925

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/VibroplexCollectorsAssn/files/Pre%201940%20Parts/Original1925.txt

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.html
Regards,

jralu1kak <jralu1kak@...>

60. Re: Alligator Finish

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-11-20 08:03:25 UTC
From: v31jp
Topic: 55 Message: 60

That finish is not common, but they did use that at times. I have seen it write about, but I do remember the source right off hand. It seems like your key would be in that time frame of what I read if my recollection is not off.

--- In VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com, "William" <fretjock@...> wrote:
>
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> Thanks,
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61. Using new Vibrocube

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-12-08 18:47:04 UTC
From: kk7pw
Topic: 61 Message: 61

Hi folks,

I am new to the group and thought to write and say hello, and mention that I have put the first Vibrocube on the air! I looks / feels great, and as designed -- does not slide on the desk. I use it with my IC-7600.

Thanks to my friend, Scott, W4PA, for excellent service.

73 to all.

Jonathan, KK7PW

62. Season Greetings from Italy

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2011-12-23 12:47:01 UTC
From: Fabio Bonucci, IK0IXI - KF1B
Topic: 62 Message: 62
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Dear friends, I wish you Merry Xmas and Happy 2012 !

73 de Fabio Bonucci, IKØIXI - KF1B
SWL IØ-1366/RM

63. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-02-16 21:29:20 UTC
From: w9goc
Topic: 42 Message: 63

Greetings, Gentlemen - -
I am late to the thread here, but I've uploaded a photo of a DIY Left-hand conversion of a Champion. (W9GOC folder)

Why? My wife expressed an interest in an LH configured bug after seeing & trying one at the Vibroplex display in Dayton.

Having sticker shock at the current new Vibroplex prices, I did a bit of research and discovered that it was relatively common [back in the day when bugs were common in most hamshacks] for hams to convert a standard right-handed bug to left-handed action by moving the parts to the underside of the base.

Figuring that if hams used to be able to do this, I could, too, I found a suitable conversion candidate bug and moved the pieces as needed.

Those with sharp eyes will notice that I did NOT un-rivet and re-attach the pendulum, so the numbers are upside-down following the conversion.

(relocating the pivot height was the most anxiety-causing part of the conversion).

73,
Frederick
W9GOC

64. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-02-16 22:12:54 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 42 Message: 64

Frederick-
Well, I didn't know what I was going to see- However, when I looked at the picture of your DIY lefty- Well, it looks pretty good- You did a great job- Congratulations- I like the name "Sinister" LOL
73 Carl WZ4CW

65. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-02-17 14:08:16 UTC
From: nn8b
Topic: 42 Message: 65

Hey; neat idea. I've always wanted to try a left handed bug
and I have a Champion to do it with. Didn't like the grey
base color either and now have an excuse to paint it black.

Thanks for the idea.

73
Don, NN8B

66. By way of..Introduction..

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-02-17 15:25:18 UTC
From: RedDogPatch
Topic: 66 Message: 66

All,
First: I'm Vernon Townsend, K4NEH (ex KN4NEH, WA1SCF) First licensed in 1959 as KN4NEH (Charleston, SC), and have held K4NEH since.
I have a small collection of late 19th Century railroad sounders, relay units, Ford Spark box,Vibroplexs, WW2 Keys of various conditions,things I've used over the years..So, the interest is there~!
73..

67. Looking for a nice counterpart to my left-handed Vibroplex

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-03-07 12:43:23 UTC
From: DD0CW (ex DL2ECW) & JT1FDB
Topic: 67 Message: 67

Hello,

now I own the Nr. 1570 (Original from 1906)
and I would like to buy also a normal right-handed
with such a low serial number.
Can anyone help me ? Who has one to sell or knows
about it ?

Vy 73 de DD0CW, Frank. (Mail at DD0CW.de).

68. Re: [VCA-USA] Looking for a nice counterpart to my left-handed Vibroplex

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-03-07 13:42:13 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 67 Message: 68

Frank-
Artifax Books has three for sale (Ready for restoration) Go To:
http://vintagevibroplex.com
Scroll down to:
Item #132 1905 Vibroplex, Item #111 1906 Martin Vibroplex, Item #502TRL 1907 Martin Vibroplex
73 Carl WZ4CW

69. Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-08 19:10:58 UTC
From: toptyp19
Topic: 69 Message: 69

Hello to the group-

I have a Lionel J-36 that has two frozen lock nuts.
One on the dit contact adjustment and one on the lever
spring tension adjustment. I've tried penetrating oil
to no avail. I don't want to clamp the nuts in any way
and mess up the knurling. Has anyone a tried and true
method to loosen them?
Thanks in advance.

Joe-WA9LAE

70. Re: [VCA-USA] Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-08 21:05:19 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 69 Message: 70

Try heating the nut. It should expand the hole a bit.

Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@...

On Apr 8, 2012, at 12:10 PM, toptyp19 wrote:

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> Hello to the group-
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71. Re: [VCA-USA] Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-08 21:12:42 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 69 Message: 71

I use heat and cold, some times both. First, I usually use heat, an
electric torch,
sometimes a a mini butane very carefully, freeze spray or put it in the
freezer.
Sometimes, I have to go back and forth with the heat and cold. Also, you may
have to turn both at the same time to break it loose.

I have old inner tube rubber in my shop and use it to protect such as
knurling
when I have to clamp down on something.

The only ones that have failed on me is the steel screws that are rusted
into
brass and then it is a long process of soaking and dissolving the steel
screw
in a water and alum bath for days!

On 4/8/2012 2:10 PM, toptyp19 wrote:
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> One on the dit contact adjustment and one on the lever
> spring tension adjustment. I've tried penetrating oil
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161, Joe, Ronnie(Rowena), Marty& Sidney Pontek
P.O. Box 280, Dangriga, Stann Creek District
(Hopkins Village) Belize
011-501-503-7346 Belize
011-501-666-3564 Belize (cellular)
903-424-4267 (My cellular when in Texas)
Also, K8JP, member
FOC1743,CWops876,QCWA-LM21894,OOTC4607,A1OP,SKCC3171T,NAQCC5798,FISTS7625CC951,FP-2819
LotW Skype: v31joepalooka
http://www.justanswer.com/lp-1eh8-tool-repair
I am looking for Vibroplex Model X, Double lever, Zephyr, Champion, Lionel J-36 and prefer

basket cases to restore.

72. Re: [VCA-USA] Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-09 00:48:55 UTC
From: toptyp19
Topic: 69 Message: 72

Thanks to both Fernando and Joe for your suggestions!
Yes, next I'm going to try a bit of heat. Fortunately,
the screws and nuts are pristine; no corrosion that I
can see. If the heat doesn't work, then the combination
of heat and cold I guess. I have some wide rubber bands
that I've been using to hold the screw and nut while
twisting but guess I'm not strong enough anymore!
Will keep everyone posted.
Again, many thanks!

73, Joe.

73. Re: [VCA-USA] Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-09 03:52:08 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 69 Message: 73

I remembered another trick I have used, Joe.
I would cover the screw head and locking with the rubber to protect them
and took a deep socket that fit tightly over them and it gave an even
pressure
to the screw/nut.

Also, I have in my shop for lug nuts on vehicles a product called
anti-seize.
I use it on other items as well, but very sparingly. It is a rather
messy silver
stuff. Also, there is some for use with antennas, but the contact screws
and nuts should not be tightened that much, nor need to be.

Good luck.

On 4/8/2012 7:48 PM, toptyp19 wrote:
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> 73, Joe.
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(Hopkins Village) Belize
011-501-503-7346 Belize
011-501-666-3564 Belize (cellular)
903-424-4267 (My cellular when in Texas)
Also, K8JP, member
FOC1743,CWops876,QCWA-LM21894,OOTC4607,A1OP,SKCC3171T,NAQCC5798,FISTS7625CC951,FP-2819
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74. Re: [VCA-USA] Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-09 10:11:32 UTC
From: Al
Topic: 69 Message: 74

I'm an auto mechanic. I would recommend a product, PB Blaster. This comes in a spray can and never fails.

Al

From: Joe V31JP <v31jp1957@...>
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2012 11:52 PM
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

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and took a deep socket that fit tightly over them and it gave an even pressure
to the screw/nut.

Also, I have in my shop for lug nuts on vehicles a product called anti-seize.
I use it on other items as well, but very sparingly. It is a rather messy silver
stuff. Also, there is some for use with antennas, but the contact screws
and nuts should not be tightened that much, nor need to be.

Good luck.

On 4/8/2012 7:48 PM, toptyp19 wrote:

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>Thanks to both Fernando and Joe for your suggestions!
>Yes, next I'm going to try a bit of heat. Fortunately,
>the screws and nuts are pristine; no corrosion that I
>can see. If the heat doesn't work, then the combination
>of heat and cold I guess. I have some wide rubber bands
>that I've been using to hold the screw and nut while
>twisting but guess I'm not strong enough anymore!
>Will keep everyone posted.
>Again, many thanks!
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75. Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-09 14:22:17 UTC
From: Pete Haddad
Topic: 69 Message: 75

Hi Joe, google KROIL . This is a penetrating type oil. I have used it many times with good success. Submerge the part in it and let it sit for several days or even up to a week. Check occasionally. 73, Pete W5PEH

76. Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-09 16:44:49 UTC
From: toptyp19
Topic: 69 Message: 76

Thanks to Joe, Al and Pete!

OK. Here's where I stand. I went out and bought some
PB Blaster (re. Al) and the screws/nuts are soaking
right now. I'm guessing the KROIL is similar (re. Pete).
I'll give it a few days then spritz them again if need be.
Haven't tried heating yet; will wait and see what happens.
Again, thanks to all and I'll keep you posted.

73, Joe-WA9LAE

77. Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts (update)

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-11 01:41:48 UTC
From: toptyp19
Topic: 69 Message: 77

Unfortunately, still frozen.
Sprayed again and will wait some more....

78. Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-14 17:34:23 UTC
From: ghh987
Topic: 69 Message: 78

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79. Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-14 18:10:38 UTC
From: toptyp19
Topic: 69 Message: 79

Hi Gord-

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and solid as a rock! They are brass so I'm being very careful, hi.
Thanks for the info about Bill Smith. I had seen reference to his
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another "opinion", hi! Otherwise, I'll cut up some thick rubber
and use 2 pair of gas pliers carefully. It is strange they are
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Hey! Again, thanks for the lead.

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80. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-14 18:43:09 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 69 Message: 80

Hi, Joe.

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I would use leather instead of rubber. Too often, I found to my disappointment, the gripping points of what ever tool I was using went through the rubber and marked the item(s) I was trying to protect. With leather, it happened also, but rarely.

Have you tried the heat application yet? Even a hair dry can work. Often, whatever is in the joint changes with the heat application, becomes liquid, crystallizes, etc. and allows the separation, typical with brass. Thank God it is not brass in stainless steel.
I know of one antenna manufacturer that uses stainless steel hardware and in their insulating blocks, used brass inserts. Without ample application of No Lox or similar anti-oxidant paste, read that liberal application, they are frozen irretrievably in salt air within a week and it requires disassembly and a re-application of the antioxidant annually or bi-annually.

Try the heat, Joe.

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81. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-14 18:46:33 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 69 Message: 81

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82. [VCA-USA] Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-14 19:54:51 UTC
From: toptyp19
Topic: 69 Message: 82

Thanks for stepping in, Joe!

Yes, I have tried the heating and cooling several times.
Both before treatment and after. That's another reason this
is perplexing. I, too, have done restorations of other keys
and this is the first time I've run into such a stubborn
pair of locknuts. I could understand if I was dealing with
steel that had rusted, but these appear as new except for the
age patina I mentioned. I have several other Lionel J36's and
they didn't pose this problem.
Hey, I like the leather suggestion. Didn't think of that.
Sounds much safer than rubber.
I don't see any residue of Loctite or similar but.....?
Oh yes; I used a butane charcoal lighter for the heat.
Will now get me some leather!
Thanks!

73, Joe

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83. [VCA-USA] Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts (finally, success!)

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-16 22:56:07 UTC
From: toptyp19
Topic: 69 Message: 83

Turns out the only thing that finally worked was padding
two pair of gas pliers with leather straps I found and
twisting in opposite directions.
I was reluctant because the screws and nuts are relatively
soft brass and I didn't want to bugger up the knurling.
A couple of twists and they were freed.
I brought out a jeweler's loupe and looked closely at the
threads. No residue of any kind that I could see either on
the screws or within the nuts. For the life of me I don't know
why they were so stubborn!
I had soaked them 2-3 times and tried heating and cooling
to no avail.
So, I have to conclude when all else fails, try the leather and
pliers! Worked for me.
Thanks to all who gave me good advice.

73, Joe-WA9LAE/

84. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts (finally, success!)

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-16 23:27:48 UTC
From: Glen Ellis
Topic: 69 Message: 84

WA9LAE
Everything "Availed", including that last step with the Leather-on-pliers !!!

glene77is --- {very old K4KKQ} --- electricity is shocking !

--- On Mon, 4/16/12, toptyp19 <toptyp19@...> wrote:

From: toptyp19 <toptyp19@...>
Subject: [VCA-USA] Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts (finally, success!)
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Date: Monday, April 16, 2012, 5:56 PM

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85. Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts (finally, success!)

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-17 13:52:47 UTC
From: pete haddad
Topic: 69 Message: 85

Great Joe !
73, Pete W5PEH

86. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Lionel J-36 frozen lock nuts (finally, success!)

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-04-18 07:50:48 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 69 Message: 86

Very good, Joe.

Mind you, most of the brass parts are made with half-hard brass, so it is fairly strong. Sure glad you got it freed up. I would figure that a gorilla,
maybe a silver back, over tighten it the last. My late uncle, a master machinist always told me, tighten it, but DO NOT over tighten it. I can't tell
you how any times in the tool repair business, I find over tightened or strip threads do to over tightening. A very costly error for my customers sometimes, time spent drilling out, re-tapping, new screw or bolt or even worse, a new part because I could not do the before mentioned because the casting was cracked.

I am glad it only took some extra properly applied force. Your patience paid off, Joe.

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87. Left Handed Champion

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-05-31 15:08:30 UTC
From: Lee
Topic: 87 Message: 87

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Lee

88. Re: [VCA-USA] Left Handed Champion

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-05-31 22:58:29 UTC
From: Scott Voss
Topic: 87 Message: 88

I am in the process of learning code myself. I am also ambidextrous with that I am having trouble with what hand to use. I write with my left hand and the keying seems to be easier with my left hand but....

If you discover any tricks let me know.

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From: Lee <k5ly@...>
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2012 8:08 AM
Subject: [VCA-USA] Left Handed Champion

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89. Re: [VCA-USA] Left Handed Champion

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-01 00:37:52 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 87 Message: 89

Hello, Lee & Scott.

Here are a couple of hints. Oh, there may be others that will suggest or disagree, but these are traditional or standards that were set long before me, and probably those others.

1) I can send either hand, but I have been neglecting my south paw (left hand) for awhile. The rule is, use your thumb for the dits, either hand. If I use my right hand
to send with a left handed bug, I reach over the top so my thumb is on the dits.

2) Your index finger sends the dahs. I use the inside of my index finger, between the first and second joint. Some use their finger tip, but a bug is a bit more man-handled
then keyer paddles.

I used to keep two paddles on my desk for left or right handed sending, back before computer logging.

On 5/31/2012 5:58 PM, Scott Voss wrote:
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90. Re: [VCA-USA] Left Handed Champion

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-01 01:02:04 UTC
From: Gordon Hogarth
Topic: 87 Message: 90

Hello Scott: I suggest you decide once and for all to use the one hand that feels best and stick with it. It's the answer to the question to the taxi driver: "How do I get to Carnegie Hall?" The answer: "Practice, Practice, Practice." HI. I am right-handed and send and write with my right hand and tune the rig with my left and right. 73 de Gord, VE3CNA since 1958.

----- Original Message -----
From: Scott Voss
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2012 6:58 PM
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Left Handed Champion

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91. Re: Left Handed Champion

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-01 13:40:00 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 87 Message: 91

Scott :

What has worked for me is to use my left hand for iambic sending with a paddle and I used my right hand when I taught myself to send with a bug, which makes sense as 99% of the bugs out there are right-handed. This allows me to switch back and forth between paddles and a bug without confusing myself. The side-effect is that I can now send with either hand using a straight key.

I write with my left so I have better fine motor control in that hand which facilitates using a dual lever paddle, bug sending is more of a wrist action so that works out fine with the right hand.

Cheers,

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92. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Left Handed Champion

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-01 15:00:26 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 87 Message: 92

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93. Fw: [VCA-USA] Re: Left Handed Champion

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-01 15:27:23 UTC
From: Fabio Bonucci, IK0IXI - KF1B
Topic: 93 Message: 93

Hi folks.
I suggest to use your favorite hand, the one you use to write.
No problem when you change type of key (paddle or bug) because the "switch" is not located in your hand but in your brain....

73 de Fabio, IK0IXI - KF1B

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To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2012 5:00 PM
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94. Project: Restoring 1923 Blue Racer

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-01 10:43:09 UTC
From: doug.w1bah
Topic: 94 Message: 94

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95. Re: [VCA-USA] Left Handed Champion

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-01 10:57:45 UTC
From: Glen Ellis
Topic: 87 Message: 95

Lee,
My advice is to learn to enjoy the experience. Settle on a single method, and be proud of it.
When I was a teen, in the 1950's, I made W1AW copy at 35wpm, and I "ENJOYed" the experience. It was never a battle, and never a problem, I simply enjoyed the experience.
Before I got a Vibroplex, I made a side-slapper key from a hack-saw blade.
The Vibroplex was great extension of my hand , and sits in front of me today.
Buena Suerte !

glene77is --- {^,^} --- electricity is shocking !

--- On Thu, 5/31/12, Lee <k5ly@...> wrote:

From: Lee <k5ly@att.net>
Subject: [VCA-USA] Left Handed Champion
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thursday, May 31, 2012, 10:08 AM

I recently purchased a Vibroplex Champion (1965). It is in very good condition for it's age. I don't believe it was ever used, it came in it's original packaging with invoice. I am now trying to learn to properly use it, any suggestions are appreciated.

Lee

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96. Re: [VCA-USA] Project: Restoring 1923 Blue Racer

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-01 16:51:53 UTC
From: Fabio Bonucci, IK0IXI - KF1B
Topic: 94 Message: 96

Hi Doug.
Take a look.

http://artifaxbooks.com/fabio.htm

73 Fabio, IK0IXI - KF1B

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From: Gordon Hogarth
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Date: 2012-06-01 17:48:49 UTC
From: The Smiths
Topic: 87 Message: 98

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To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
From: v31jp1957@...
Date: Fri, 1 Jun 2012 10:00:26 -0500
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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-01 18:08:28 UTC
From: w3qt_mike
Topic: 87 Message: 99

Here's another Michael, who also is left-handed, and who uses a right-handed key. I've read some of the stuff about dits and dahs, but it didn't make any sense to me. I guess as a lefty I've been conditioned to be a bit of a rebel, so I asked myself "Why?" I thumb the dahs and finger the dits and no one with whom I've been in QSO with has ever been the wiser. Left-handed keys are very nice pieces in the collection, and if some are more comfortable with left-handed keys that's great, but on the air doesn't it all come down to trying to have some fun? I think that's primary. In fine left-handed fashion:
dit-dit-dit-dah-dah dah-dah-dit-dit-dit

Mike, W3QT

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100. Re: Project: Restoring 1923 Blue Racer

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-02 17:58:20 UTC
From: cameldriver777@aol.com
Topic: 94 Message: 100

HI Doug and all, yes get WR Smiths book....around 60 or 65 bucks but it is well worth it...check out that site...I had a chance to visit with him back a few years ago and check out and even send on a few of his keys....awesome visit... he knows what he is talking about and is a great fella to learn from...lots of fellas out here with experience also... good luck es 73,
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101. Re: [VCA-USA] Project: Restoring 1923 Blue Racer

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-03 15:31:57 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 94 Message: 101

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102. Re: [VCA-USA] Project: Restoring 1923 Blue Racer

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Date: 2012-06-04 08:42:01 UTC
From: Glen Ellis
Topic: 94 Message: 102

Guys, Just visited W.R.Smith's website, W4PAL, and found this photo of his hand-crafted
 "mini-key".

He has designed and built some very intriguing keys
and beautiful clocks. Also built a 'one-millionth horsepower electric motor'

glene77is --- {^,^} --- electricity is shocking !

--- On Sun, 6/3/12, Joe V31JP <v31jp1957@...> wrote:

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Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Project: Restoring 1923 Blue Racer
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Date: Sunday, June 3, 2012, 10:31 AM

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103. Shorting Bar needed for Original Deluxe

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-13 14:43:57 UTC
From: kevin.whitcomb@ymail.com
Topic: 103 Message: 103

Hi everyone,
I have an Original Deluxe of around 1964 vintage and it's missing the shorting bar assembly. The contact at the base of the dah post is there but nothing else. Do any of you have the assembly in red that you want to sell or know of someone that does?

Thanks!
Kevin Whitcomb
eyesofman.org

104. Re: Shorting Bar needed for Original Deluxe

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-13 17:45:42 UTC
From: toptyp19
Topic: 103 Message: 104

Hi Kevin-

There's an eBay seller, azroadrunners, who continually sells
keys that they have rebuilt and also parts. I don't know if they
can help you, but you might want to contact him. I have no connection
to him.

GL and 73, Joe-WA9LAE

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105. Re: Shorting Bar needed for Original Deluxe

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-06-13 18:41:47 UTC
From: Kevin Whitcomb
Topic: 103 Message: 105

I actually did contact him and he said he'd sold his last one a while ago...

Kevin Whitcomb
813.494.4960
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106. Would anyone want to buy?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-07-22 16:11:10 UTC
From: ik0ixi
Topic: 106 Message: 106

From: <kcsew@...>
To: <info@...>
Sent: Sunday, July 22, 2012 1:16 AM
Subject: Would anyone want to buy?

Hi

My name is Kathy. My father, who passed over 20 years ago, was one of the original post-war ham operators (N6AX). I have his Vibroplex key. My research shows it to be a 1940 Deluxe Original, with a serial number of 262840,
making it around 1969. It has the 833 Broadway address. It's in fine condition, could use just a careful cleaning. Is there any way to contact people who might be interested in buying it?

Thank you so much.

Kathy
530-642-9211

107. Would anyone want to buy?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-07-22 16:12:26 UTC
From: ik0ixi
Topic: 106 Message: 107

From: <kcsew@...>
To: <info@...>
Sent: Sunday, July 22, 2012 1:16 AM
Subject: Would anyone want to buy?

Hi

My name is Kathy. My father, who passed over 20 years ago, was one of the original post-war ham operators (N6AX). I have his Vibroplex key. My research shows it to be a 1940 Deluxe Original, with a serial number of 262840,
making it around 1969. It has the 833 Broadway address. It's in fine condition, could use just a careful cleaning. Is there any way to contact people who might be interested in buying it?

Thank you so much.

Kathy
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108. Re: [VCA-USA] Would anyone want to buy?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-07-22 17:18:59 UTC
From: Gordon Hogarth
Topic: 106 Message: 108

Hello Kathy: I would suggest that you consider listing you Vibroplex on E Bay. That would give you maximum exposure and a bidding process. Search for "Vibroplex Telegraph Keys" to see what has been happening. I also use: "Collector's Weekly" dot com under "Telegraph". Under the "completed" link you can see the selling price. See www.collectorsweekly.com/ for more details. Collectors weekly brings up E Bay listings.

73 de Gord, VE3CNA

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From: ik0ixi
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, July 22, 2012 12:12 PM
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109. New collection added !!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-08-01 13:52:39 UTC
From: ik0ixi
Topic: 109 Message: 109

Hi guys.
Fernando LW3DDH shared his bug collection on VCA web site.

Please, take a look: http://nuke.vibroplexcollectors.org/LW7DDH/tabid/480/Default.aspx

73 Fabio, IK0IXI - KF1B

110. Question...

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-09-18 16:19:16 UTC
From: oregonimage
Topic: 110 Message: 110

Hello,

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I am considering selling it to fund the purchase of a different Vibroplex, and need to get a rough value on it.

Thanks,
Dave
NK7Z
http://www.nk7z.net

111. Re: Question - Vibrokeyer w/gray base, red paddles

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-09-18 16:40:46 UTC
From: Pete Theer
Topic: 111 Message: 111

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Hope this helps,
Pete, K5PRT
Owner, Vibroplex Collectors Yahoo Group

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112. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Question - Vibrokeyer w/gray base, red paddles

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-09-18 16:51:38 UTC
From: Dave Cole
Topic: 111 Message: 112

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113. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Question - Vibrokeyer w/gray base, red paddles

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-09-18 17:15:21 UTC
From: Pete Theer
Topic: 111 Message: 113

Hi Dave,

I'll have to go look thru my records and hope I kept data on this one to see what I paid for it. I'll let you know.

May I make a suggestion... Try to get a 100th Anniversary Original bug. I have one and won't take any money for it. It's a masterpiece. Photo on my website here:
http://www.k5prt.com/equipment_bugs.html
...near the bottom of the page.

73,
Pete

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----- Original Message -----
From: "Dave Cole" <dave@...>
To: <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 11:51 AM
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Question - Vibrokeyer w/gray base, red paddles

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114. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Question - Vibrokeyer w/gray base, red paddles

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-09-18 17:38:32 UTC
From: Dave Cole
Topic: 111 Message: 114

I see what you mean, what a pretty device!!!
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115. Re: Question - Vibrokeyer w/gray base, red paddles

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-09-19 14:40:23 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 111 Message: 115

It sounds like Pete has the answer.

The only other thing I can think of, but it likely doesn't apply to this key because of age ..... during the "Maine Years" Vibroplex stopped using rivets and only glued the name plates onto the base. I have a Original Deluxe from this era and the plate is pretty loose. I suspect that there are probably a few keys manufactured in Maine that are now missing their name plates and have no rivet holes.

Michael VE3WMB

--- In VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com, "Pete Theer" <k5prt@...> wrote:
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116. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Question - Vibrokeyer w/gray base, red paddles

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-09-19 15:40:44 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 111 Message: 116

I was going to make the same comment, Michael.

I have an Original, 1991, grey base that has the glued on label.

On 9/19/2012 9:40 AM, ve3wmb wrote:
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I am looking for Vibroplex Model X, Double lever, Zephyr, Lionel J-36 and prefer basket cases to restore.

117. Norcross Reproduction FYI

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-10-01 18:46:03 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 117 Message: 117

Hello to all.

I've notice that Vizkey (www.vizkey.com) is

contemplating a run.

Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@...

118. Aw: [VCA-USA] Norcross Reproduction FYI

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-10-02 05:18:35 UTC
From: dk4xl@web.de
Topic: 117 Message: 118

I made three replicas of the Norcross half frame double lever

with dimensions taken from an original one.

Please email me for photos.

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dk4xl(at)web.de

Martin

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Gesendet:?Montag, 01. Oktober 2012 um 20:46 Uhr
Von:?Fernando
An:?cw_bugs@yahoogroups.com
Cc:?VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
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119. Martin Junior mainspring

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-10-25 16:06:22 UTC
From: babini.davide
Topic: 119 Message: 119

Hello all, i'm a new member in this group.I purchased on e-bay an Martin Junior Vibroplex dated in 1921.It's in fairly good conditions, but the mainspring is lost.Can i use the Original's mainspring?If so, where can i find it out?Thanks in advance, 73 de IK4UNH Davide

120. Re: [VCA-USA] Martin Junior mainspring

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-10-26 02:53:38 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 119 Message: 120

Davide-
Are you talking about the "lever rod spring" ? If so, what do you mean about "lost". They are usually riveted in place. Or are you talking about the "dot contact spring" ? If so, they are available. Not "circa 1921' but the current ones might fit.
73 Carl WZ4CW

121. Re: [VCA-USA] Martin Junior mainspring

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-10-26 03:02:54 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 119 Message: 121

The Martin Junior dot spring contact is the same as an Original dot spring contact.
If it is the main spring, the rivets need to be removed and new rivets used to replace
the spring in the bar and rod. My 1920 Junior has a .012" thick spring. I am waiting for
my 1913 Original to arrive. Had to ship it from Texas and I have to replace its main spring
and the rod. Basically, Juniors are Original hardware on a smaller base, but....

On 10/25/2012 8:53 PM, Carl Wulfestieg wrote:
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122. Re: [VCA-USA] Martin Junior mainspring

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-10-26 16:07:03 UTC
From: Davide Babini
Topic: 119 Message: 122

Yes, i mean the dots spring.I was'nt sure it was the same spring than the Original, although Junior and Original are very similar.Thank you very much for the help, 73's de IK4UNH Davide

123. Vibrokeyer

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-11-03 21:39:23 UTC
From: w8sfc
Topic: 123 Message: 123

Just became the happy owner of a Vibrokeyer sn: 221105 from 1961 (I think)! Picked it up at the Grant Amateur Radio Club hamfest in Georgetown, OH. now to do a bit of cleaning!

124. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibrokeyer

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-11-03 22:16:28 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 123 Message: 124

Yes, that should be a 1961 vintage paddle, Sid. I have owned several
over the years and each performed very nicely.
Since going to iambic, I now use double paddles, but wide spaced paddles
similar to the Vibroplex key spacings.

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125. Dot contact on spring

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-11-03 22:27:04 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 125 Message: 125

Hello

I have a J-36 with a chunk missing from the center of the dot contact on the

spring. Has anyone replace or fixed the contact itself?

I guess one could order a replacement dot spring from Vibroplex but

then it would look to new on this 1942 model.

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Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@...

126. Re: [VCA-USA] Dot contact on spring

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-11-03 23:20:59 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 125 Message: 126

Hi, Fernando.

I have a 1928 #6 I have nearly restored. The dot spring contact
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and the substituted was a sorry replacement. I ordered and received a
Lightning replacement, but
it would not come close to adjusting to where the spring and post
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going to try and and reform it, move the bend down a little and snap.

Now, I and going to make a new spring and mount that spring to the
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127. Re: [VCA-USA] Dot contact on spring

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-11-04 19:05:01 UTC
From: Richard Meiss
Topic: 125 Message: 127

Hi, Joe -

I have searched high and low for sterling silver rod and have not been able to find it.. As a substitute, I have been using German Silver (also called Nickel Silver) rod. While it does not actually contain sliver (it is an alloy of nickel, copper, and zinc), it looks like silver and it machines well. It stays bright for a long time and I have had success using it as a contact material. I get mine from OnlineMetals.com.

Small sterling silver contacts are available from http://www.atimemachine.com , which is a supplier of tattoo machine supplies. These contacts are 1/8" in diameter, about 0.04" thick, and they have a short "tail" about 0.050" in length and diameter. They are quite inexpensive (about 25 cents apiece). They should serve well as the dot contact, although their diameter is a trifle small. They do mount nicely on the end of a 10-32 screw.

73 de Rich, WB9LPU

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From: Joe V31JP
Sent: Nov 3, 2012 6:20 PM
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Dot contact on spring

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128. Re: [VCA-USA] Dot contact on spring

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-11-04 19:39:57 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 125 Message: 128

Interesting, Rich.

I had not thought about German silver rod, aka silver nickel, rod. I
have bought from http://www.onlinemetals.com/ before and
their price is reasonable for 1/4" X 12" rod. A shopping I will go.

I found one place that has the sterling silver rod, but because I am not
a jeweller, they won't sell to me.

By the way, I admire your work, Rich. Maybe some day I will try my hand
at some build ups, but for now, I keep plenty busy
restoring old basket cases and just admiring your work and Ron's, G3YUH,
work.

Doing tool repairs today in the shop and my fan died! Hot!

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129. 1942 Classic with case

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-11-08 18:20:38 UTC
From: kevin.whitcomb@ymail.com
Topic: 129 Message: 129

I just picked up a black wrinkle finish original that came with a Kenwood rig I bought. The serial number on the key is 123424 which makes it a 1942 model. It's in unbelievably nice shape as it the case - which even has the key! It also came with the cable.

The operator who owned its name is on the outside of the case in gold letters along with the company, "Alaska Communications System" and the serial number 19192867.

The gentleman I purchased the Kenwood from told me a little of the history of it and the man who owned it. Apparently the owner taught code in the early part of the war and worked for the Army Signal Corps which then became part of the new Air Corps.

I don't know where in Alaska he was exactly but it looks like Alaska Communications System had offices in at least a few Alaska cities.

Pretty cool knowing who owned it and that it's in such nice shape. I don't know what to do with it though, I'm afraid to use it, it looks like it should be in a museum. Plus I already have an original deluxe...

I'll post some pics

130. Re: [VCA-USA] 1942 Classic with case

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-11-08 20:55:16 UTC
From: TroyW6HV
Topic: 129 Message: 130

WOW! A true treasure!
73,
Troy, W6HV
-----Original Message-----
From: kevin.whitcomb@...
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2012 10:20 AM
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [VCA-USA] 1942 Classic with case

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131. Re: [VCA-USA] 1942 Classic with case

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2012-11-10 09:41:09 UTC
From: Davide Babini
Topic: 129 Message: 131

Hello, i just seen the photos.You bought a really nice key, i think will be very hard to find another one in a so good shape.Congrats!73's de IK4UNH Davide

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From: "kevin.whitcomb@..." <kevin.whitcomb@...>
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 8, 2012 6:20 PM
Subject: [VCA-USA] 1942 Classic with case

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132. Bug for sale at Dayton

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-01-13 14:53:49 UTC
From: richardallisette
Topic: 132 Message: 132

Hi gang,

I have a a Vibroplex bug serial number 101829 (1928 I think) It is all original but the base plate could do with restoration as it is chipped. All the parts are intact and working.
I bought it to restore but just do not have the time.
I will be travelling to the Dayton Hamvention in May and could put the bug in my suitcase if you are interested in purchasing it.
I can send pictures to any members interested.
My e-mail address is rallisette@...

73 Dick GU4CHY

133. Lube a bug?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-10 15:38:49 UTC
From: lecontejoe
Topic: 133 Message: 133

I bought a 1950 Lightning Bug, serial 169693, on eBay. Got lucky -- the key was in great shape and it came with a carrying case with Southern Pacific baggage tag attached with a name and the notation TELEGRAPHER on the tag. The seller told me he bought the key at an estate sale. I assume the owner was a SP telegrapher.

Here's the story:
http://w4hh.org/CW/old%20bug.htm

Question: Do I need to lubricate the bug? I've been using it since I bought it. I'm on the air 3-4 days a week, 2-3 QSO's a day, use the bug most of the time and it's smooth. Are there points that need lube? If so, what lube is recommended?

Thanks.

W4HH

134. Re: [VCA-USA] Lube a bug?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-10 16:15:24 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 133 Message: 134

No Name, W4HH-
Congratulations on a great buy- No, do not lubricate anything- A properly adjusted Vibroplex (Bug) does not need any lubrication- From your story, it seems that it is adjusted properly- Any lubrication would just collect dust and interfere with the operation-
Do not discard the clear "thumb" piece, or the S.P. baggage tag, or the cord- There are some purists who would prefer this key in the exact shape that the telegrapher used it- You can change it if you want but just keep the old part-
I have found that most older (30 - 50 years) bugs have rubber feet that have turned to "plastic" due to age- They slide around on the desk- I replace mine with new rubber feet from Vibroplex- It doesn't slide then- (Again, don't discard the old feet for the purists)- Have fun with it!

73 Carl WZ4CW, SKCC 918, FISTS 13491

135. Re: [VCA-USA] Lube a bug?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-10 17:47:33 UTC
From: lecontejoe
Topic: 133 Message: 135

Thanks, Carl. I kept the clear plastic piece, wedge cord, baggage tag, and case.. I left the old, hardened feet in place. I bought a piece of that white waffle-like stuff that you put under rugs to keep them from slipping; cut a piece same size as the bug's footprint and the bug sits on that non-slip surface.

Joe
W4HH

SKCC 7954 FISTS 15405 NAQCC 3938 QRPARCI 14145

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136. Re: [VCA-USA] Lube a bug?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-11 00:06:14 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 133 Message: 136

Joe-
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Yeah, the "waffle" stuff keeps the bug from sliding around, but I don't like the looks of it. That's why I just replace the feet at about $2 each.
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137. Re: [VCA-USA] Lube a bug?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-11 03:25:58 UTC
From: lecontejoe
Topic: 133 Message: 137

Carl --

Thanks for the tips.

I rattle along at around 18 WPM. I still copy letter-for-letter, pencil-and-paper.

I've been licensed since 1958, first call was KN4FPT, then K4FPT, got this vanity call back when the FCC opened the vanity call system. I have never been very active, hence the modest code speed.

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138. Re: Lube a bug?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-11 13:05:18 UTC
From: Cameldriver777
Topic: 133 Message: 138

Your choice but occassionally I will use a very slight amount of Swiss Mobilus jewelers oil on the tip of the trunnion screw and the tip of the trunnion pin. I always leave a very very slight vertical movement in the lever when i adjust the trunnion adjustment. This seems to always provide a consistent and fluid movement. Never over tighten the trunnion screw against the pin. 73 Pete W5PEH

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S™ II Skyrocket™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone.

139. Re: [VCA-USA] Lube a bug?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-11 16:11:20 UTC
From: Glen Ellis
Topic: 133 Message: 139

Carl,
To control and lower the character speed, try putting a little hunk of bubble gum on the shaft as a weight. Easy to attach, and easy to remove.
As for reading CW, years back I got away from 'hearing' letters, and tried listening for 'words' and writing words, even guessing at words before the code was finished. My speed eventually went up to 35 wpm. Also, place these words into their 'context' ; for example, If talking about the weather, then probably all the words will fit 'weather' stuff. If talking about the rig, then probably all the words will fit 'rig' stuff. In the late 1950's, Had friends, from the Navy, who could listen to words 45 to 60 wpm. That was their advice ... "listen for words" and feel the context. " It is a language, just like English or Spanish, full of context and words.
73

glene77is --- {^,^} --- electricity is shocking !

--- On Sun, 3/10/13, lecontejoe <lecontejoe@...> wrote:

From: lecontejoe <lecontejoe@...>
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Lube a bug?
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2013, 10:25 PM

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140. Re: Lube a bug?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-14 05:47:24 UTC
From: Davide Babini
Topic: 133 Message: 140

Hi, if your bug works ok no need much lubrication.But after each claning, is better to put some weapon lubricator on the damper and on the main arm movement, mainly where the straight lever leaves the main lever.My english is'nt so goos, hope you understand me.73 de IK4UNH Davide

141. Re: [VCA-USA] Lube a bug?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-14 08:11:14 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 133 Message: 141

Hello, Joe.

Sorry to take so long to reply. Been a little busy here of late.

Excellent looking key, it is. Aside from careful and proper cleaning, I never use lubricant on speed keys. I do polish them and often wax the chrome or nickel plated parts for protection. Besides replacing the dot paddle, you may want to replace the feet. I have rubber bumpers I use instead of the Vibroplex feet as they hold a little better, but new Vibroplex feet are good when they are new.

Enjoy your new key.

On 3/10/2013 9:38 AM, lecontejoe wrote:
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142. Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-14 18:04:36 UTC
From: David
Topic: 142 Message: 142

Hello all:

This is my first message to the group, thank you for being here. I recently acquired my first bug, a 1953 Standard that I found on eBay. When I received it I noticed that it looked like the "yoke" was bent.

Being new, I am not sure what to expect, so I posted a photo and also the parts picture from Vibroplex. The yoke is straight in the parts drawing, it is supposed to be straight right?

Thanks for any help for the "newbie" and I look forward to many years of shared love for Horace's fine invention.

73,

Dave
W2DAB

143. Re: [VCA-USA] Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-14 18:28:37 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 142 Message: 143

Correct, Dave.

The yoke should be straight. Be careful in straightening it. Properly,
the trunion should be removed and the yoke straightened and the trunion
replaced after,
but you can do it careful using padded pliers, shims or other items so
as to not bend the trunion. I have done several both ways.

I saw your key on eBay and congratulations. I look forward to us
bugging each other, Dave.

On 3/14/2013 12:04 PM, David wrote:
> Hello all:
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> This is my first message to the group, thank you for being here. I
> recently acquired my first bug, a 1953 Standard that I found on eBay.
> When I received it I noticed that it looked like the "yoke" was bent.
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> Being new, I am not sure what to expect, so I posted a photo and also
> the parts picture from Vibroplex. The yoke is straight in the parts
> drawing, it is supposed to be straight right?
>
> Thanks for any help for the "newbie" and I look forward to many years
> of shared love for Horace's fine invention.
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> 73,
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144. Re: [VCA-USA] Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-14 22:40:13 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 142 Message: 144

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Good Luck! Go Slow-
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145. Re: [VCA-USA] Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-14 23:38:13 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 142 Message: 145

Excellent, Carl.

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said. With small wood or plastic spacers/shims,
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146. Re: [VCA-USA] Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-15 01:54:57 UTC
From: Glen Ellis
Topic: 142 Message: 146

Carl,

Don't go for perfection in straightening the metal.Just flatten it some, and then live with it.
You can use it almost straight. but You cannot fix the metal part if you 'crack' it.
I made a side-keyer from a hack-saw blade, when I was very young. Accidently bent it, and tried to 'over-straighten' it.The metal stressed ('cracked') and would not maintain it shape for long.Had to replace the blade.
Eventully picked up my 1946 Original. When I packed for moving, I placed hard sponge around the mechanism. Still use it. Operate CW only.

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--- On Thu, 3/14/13, Joe V31JP <v31jp1957@...> wrote:

From: Joe V31JP <v31jp1957@...>
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Standard bug repair?
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2013, 6:38 PM

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147. Re: [VCA-USA] Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-15 03:37:05 UTC
From: David
Topic: 142 Message: 147

Thanks Everyone for the fine advice. Now to look at the thing and access my tools and nerve. Vibroplex sells the yoke still, and the price is not too bad, might just order it.

Still this is new territory. I will update you all later when I get it fixed.

73 and bug you all later!

Dave
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148. Re: [VCA-USA] Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-15 06:31:28 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 142 Message: 148

David-
But you'll still have to remove and then install the trunion again- To me, that's a harder job than just straightening it- But it's your choice- Good Luck!!
73 Carl WZ4CW, SKCC 918, FISTS 13491

149. Re: Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-15 11:20:21 UTC
From: David
Topic: 142 Message: 149

Carl, I am new to all of this. What is involved in removing and then installing the trunion, is there something detailed and difficult?

I will research it but if anyone out there has done this perhaps you can let me know what the dangers or "gotcha's" are.

If I speak as if I am ignorant on all of this, well... I am.

73,
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150. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-15 14:38:47 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 142 Message: 150

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151. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-15 18:55:06 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 142 Message: 151

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152. [VCA-USA] Re: Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-16 02:42:37 UTC
From: David
Topic: 142 Message: 152

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153. [VCA-USA] Re: Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-16 13:41:42 UTC
From: David
Topic: 142 Message: 153

OK, last update to my bent yoke saga!

I tried Carl's 10" Crescent Wrench (with an 8", didn't have a 10") and it worked brilliantly. I am so chuffed to have fixed it on my own and without trifling with the trundle.

Thanks to the group for comments and moral support, now I get to read through documents and watch videos on adjusting my new (classic 1953) Bug.

Many kind regards to you all!

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154. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-16 16:21:47 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 142 Message: 154

Great, David.

I am glad you had a successful repair of your bug. There is a wealth of
experience available here and I am certainly happy it helped you.
Sometimes, one of us will forget a step or possible solution, but others
will step up and fill in the blank spots.

I am doing the finishing touches on my recently acquired 1941 Vibroplex
Zephyr, the first I am own or even used. Oh, the excitement of
a new key on the desk properly functioning!

On 3/16/2013 7:41 AM, David wrote:
> OK, last update to my bent yoke saga!
>
> I tried Carl's 10" Crescent Wrench (with an 8", didn't have a 10") and
> it worked brilliantly. I am so chuffed to have fixed it on my own and
> without trifling with the trundle.
>
> Thanks to the group for comments and moral support, now I get to read
> through documents and watch videos on adjusting my new (classic 1953) Bug.
>
> Many kind regards to you all!
>
> David
> W2DAB

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155. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Standard bug repair?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-17 01:40:56 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 142 Message: 155

David-
For info on adjustments go to: http://vibroplex.com/original_bug_adjustments.pdf
I would suggest that you print it out so you can read it slowly as you make adjustments and refer to the bug diagram- The most important part is where you use an ohm meter to make the "dot" adjustment- It says 50%- I use about 60%-
A week ago, I completely dismantled my Vibroplex Presentation so I could polish the gold plate- On reassembly, I used the ohm meter to set the dots- I didn't try out how it would send dots and dashes on the radio- I took it to the radio club and when they hooked it up, it worked perfectly-
Makes you feel good when you can repair something yourself with minimal tools, doesn't it??
Let me warn you about a pitfall when you are straightening something like that- The metal won't retain the bend you are putting into it until part of it gets to the "elastic" region- The problem is that the instant it starts to bend, the force you are using is way too much and you could "overbend" it- Therefore, you must learn to "feel" it start to bend and then let up on the force quickly- Then you check it and if a little more bend is needed, then you do it again and then re-check, etc. Well, have fun with your Standard-
Just think - a bug that was manufactured 60 years ago! WOW!! I've used the "crescent" wrench to straighten main frames and damper frames also- but for those I use a 12" crescent wrench-
73 Carl WZ4CW

156. Vibroplex champion questions

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-24 20:09:37 UTC
From: lecontejoe
Topic: 156 Message: 156

Two questions about the Champion:

1. Does it not have the shorting bar/switch common to Vibroplex bugs?

2. What's the slowest speed it can go without modifying it or adding a stack of weights?

Thanks.

157. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex champion questions

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-24 20:57:22 UTC
From: Eric Holmes
Topic: 156 Message: 157

No, the champion bugs do not have a shorting bar. zephyr's had a shorting lever, but i believe no champion models ever had a lever. And the slowest speed mine will go, is around 10 w.p.m. if you leave some space you can do qrs easily. i regularly use mine to check into the Louisiana slow net.

From: lecontejoe <lecontejoe@...>
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2013 3:09 PM
Subject: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex champion questions

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Thanks.

158. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex champion questions

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-24 23:02:16 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 156 Message: 158

Lecontejoe-
Taken from the "Vibroplex Collectors Guide", page 77, regarding the Champion:
"A circuit closer was not offered on this model. For this reason, it was advertised as being for radio use only. (Landline telegraphers required a circuit closer to "close their key"' or complete the circuit, for receiving.) Champions were manufactured from 1939 to 1979.

The best way to slow the overall speed for those learning the code is to use the "Farnsworth" method. In this method, the bug is set at the "character " speed of about 20 WPM. Then the "overall" speed is set lower by putting larger than normal spaces between the characters and the words. Using this method, you should be able to set your Champion at 20 WPM, or so, using one weight and proper adjustment. Then you can set the overall speed (WPM) as low as you wish by selecting more or less "space" as needed. This method eliminates a "plateau" as your speed increases. Good Luck!!

Note: Check out Straight Key Century Club http://www.skccgroup.com

73 Carl WZ4CW, SKCC 918, FISTS 13491

159. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex champion questions

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-24 23:54:04 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 156 Message: 159
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello

Doesn't the Zypher have a smaller base ?

Here is my Champion with a circuit closer on a stainless base. A b4 pix.

An after pix.

Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@...

On Mar 24, 2013, at 1:57 PM, Eric Holmes <holmeseric19@...> wrote:

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160. My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 00:30:33 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 160 Message: 160
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Here is my Zypher with a smaller base.

Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@...

161. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 00:37:03 UTC
From: Pete Theer
Topic: 160 Message: 161

Define "smaller", please.

Pete

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on Mar 24, 2013, Fernando wrote:
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162. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex champion questions

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 01:09:18 UTC
From: TroyW6HV
Topic: 156 Message: 162
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Fernando,

Beautiful job! My Champion has the standard grey crinkle base; not nearly so nice looking. Did you make the base?

Troy, W6HV

From: Fernando
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2013 4:54 PM
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex champion questions

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From: lecontejoe <lecontejoe@msn.com>
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Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2013 3:09 PM
Subject: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex champion questions

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1. Does it not have the shorting bar/switch common to Vibroplex bugs?

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Thanks.

163. Re: Vibroplex champion questions

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 01:51:59 UTC
From: lecontejoe
Topic: 156 Message: 163

--- In VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com, "lecontejoe" <lecontejoe@...> wrote:
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> Thanks.
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Thanks to all who responded.

Joe
W4HH

164. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 02:19:34 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 160 Message: 164

Zypher base: 3" x 6 1/2"

Lightining base : 3 1/2" x 6 1/2 " appr.

Don't have a Champion yet.

Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@...

On Mar 24, 2013, at 5:37 PM, Pete Theer <k5prt@...> wrote:

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> on Mar 24, 2013, Fernando <n2fq@...> wrote:
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165. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex champion questions

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 02:24:00 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 156 Message: 165

Thanks Troy.

No, I didn't make the base. I've compared the base

to my other Lightning bases here and nowhere the same.

Originaly I thought someone hack it but no sign of it.

Whoever done it has done a primo job.

SRI to have hijack the thread, so will end it here.

Please email direct.

73

Fernando N2FQ/6
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On Mar 24, 2013, at 6:09 PM, "TroyW6HV" <w6hv@...> wrote:

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166. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 02:27:04 UTC
From: Pete Theer
Topic: 160 Message: 166

A 3" wide base is normal for the zephyr.? I have 3 of them.

Pet

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167. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 02:54:23 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 160 Message: 167
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Looks like my 1941 Zephyr, Fernando. Nice!
Difference between a Zephyr and the Champion is:
Champion has no circuit closure switch and the Zephyr does.
The Zephyr is a 3" X 6 1/4" smaller base, just a bit longer then a Junior.

On 3/24/2013 6:30 PM, Fernando wrote:
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168. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 03:05:20 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 160 Message: 168

I finally got my first one, Pete. There was confusion whether it was a Champion or Zephyr on eBay,
but the the circuit closure was the give away. I confirmed it was a 3" X 6 1/4", another trait of the Zephyr.
It came with Vibroplex wedge cord, missing the insulator, and a carrying case for $50.00 and yes, I went
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169. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex champion questions

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 03:13:28 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 156 Message: 169
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

That looks like a lightning/Champion hybrid.

With the Champion/Zephyr damper, but a Lightning circuit closure switch.
The Zephyr CCS is on the right side.
I don't know of Vibroplex making any SS bases, so an after market mod.

On 3/24/2013 5:54 PM, Fernando wrote:
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170. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 03:58:47 UTC
From: Lee Young
Topic: 160 Message: 170

I lucked out last year and got a Vibroplex Champion 1965 model (Left Handed) on eBay last year at a fraction of it's cost. In immaculate condition. I don't believe it was ever used. Contacts only required cleaning. Came in it's original shipping box from dealer to purchaser in VA.

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Lee Young, K5LY
New Hope, TX 75071
ARRL Life member, CWops #1124, FISTS #15371, SKCC #7448, NAQCC #5451

CW Forever!

On Sun, 2013-03-24 at 21:05 -0600, Joe V31JP wrote:
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171. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-03-25 04:54:10 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 160 Message: 171

Great, Lee.

I am still looking for a left handed bug. I am right handed, but learned
to send with my left hand with a paddle
and on a bug, reaching over the top of the yoke. I would like to try a
left handed bug straight out some time.

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172. Help for a newbie

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-05-06 19:21:43 UTC
From: lecontejoe
Topic: 172 Message: 172

Could someone take a look at this bug and tell me the model? I think it's an Original. Serial number 175358, 1952. The bug was in the carrying case and, as you see, both are in good shape.

Go to PHOTOS and look for the album named W4HH. The base measures 3 in X 6-3/8 in. There are two chips out of the black crackle; I think I'll leave it alone as any attempt on my part to "restore" the two chipped places likely will screw up the finish.

I was born in 1944 and want to collect one of each model that was in production that year. I've pretty much given up trying to collect one of each with a serial number that dates to 1944; just trying to get one of each model.

So far, I have:
-- Champion, serial 187465, 1954; no case; I use this one daily
-- Original, new, purchased in 2012; serial 116264; in an old case purchased from W1MQ
-- My prize: Lightning Bug that came in a case with a Southern Pacific baggage tag attached that reads: NAME: W.E. JOHNSON ADDRESS: TELEG OPR. I assume this bug belonged to a SP telegrapher. Serial 169693, 1950. See my website:
http://w4hh.org/CW/old%20bug.htm

As best I can determine, the bugs in production in 1944 were: Original; Lightning; Champion; Zephyr; and, Blue Racer. Am I missing any?

I'm new at this and appreciate everyone's assistance.

73,
Joe
W4HH

173. Re: [VCA-USA] Help for a newbie

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-05-06 20:01:10 UTC
From: Glen Ellis
Topic: 172 Message: 173

Joe, W4HH,

My 1946 Vibroplex Original is "114007" .
169693 is a late number.But, the Triangular Top and End plates suggest an earlier build date than 1950's.
Have a good time with your "bug".

       glene77is --- {^,^} --- electricity is shocking !
Amateur General KK4LPG,   20M QRP CW only !
ARRL,   SKCC#10462,   NAQCC#6597.

--- On Mon, 5/6/13, lecontejoe <lecontejoe@...> wrote:

From: lecontejoe <lecontejoe@...>
Subject: [VCA-USA] Help for a newbie
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Date: Monday, May 6, 2013, 2:21 PM

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I'm new at this and appreciate everyone's assistance.

73,
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W4HH

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174. Re: Help for a newbie

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-05-06 20:04:22 UTC
From: claudio
Topic: 172 Message: 174

Hello Mr. Joe, the base 3" and dumper "I" model confirmg that you have a great Original.
On the Arm there is two weights, the one closest to the dumper is a Zephyr model, while the original weight is other weight closest to the operator side.
From 1944 you can add the de-luxe versions "chrystal gray" for the year.
Have a good luck in your collection.

73 de Claudio.

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175. Re: Help for a newbie

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-05-06 20:37:55 UTC
From: w3qt_mike
Topic: 172 Message: 175

Hi Joe,

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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-05-06 20:50:43 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 172 Message: 176

Your key is a nice 1952 Original.

You can dab black gloss or semi-gloss enamel paint if the chips are not
too big.

You are correct on the model made in 1944. The Junior was discontinued
in 1939.
Of those models, there were standard and Deluxe models available in the
Original,
Lightning and Blue Racer.

On 5/6/2013 1:21 PM, lecontejoe wrote:
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Also, K8JP, member FOC1743, CWops876, QCWA-LM21894, OOTC4607, A1OP, SKCC3171T, NAQCC5798,
FISTS7625CC951,
Skype: v31joepalooka
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Date: 2013-05-06 21:01:06 UTC
From: claudio
Topic: 172 Message: 177

Hi Mr. Mike, your details are accurate 100%.

I certainly confused two things together :
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http://w4hh.org/CW/Vibroplex%20bugs/my_vibroplex_collection_page_two.htm

The second, I've confused the name of the Bug, I wrote Orginal meaning Champion.

I'm very sorry ..

Tanks for just correction, hi hi.

73 de Claudio.

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178. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Help for a newbie

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-05-06 22:58:28 UTC
From: Mike Morrow, W3QT
Topic: 172 Message: 178

Hi Claudio,

No problem. I just wanted to help Joe sort through his questions before
he became confused. Thanks for the note. Hope to hear you on the air
some day.

73,
Mike, W3QT

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180. Early #4 B series key parts needed

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-06-21 11:13:00 UTC
From: Max Cotton
Topic: 180 Message: 180

Has anyone got an early B5xx series blue racer paddle, this is riveted on to the key arm and also an early long style keying lever arm knob. I also require an early weight screw, in nickle, the head diameter is 1/2 inch, all parts were damaged or lost in shipping, good price paid, paypal or whatever.
73 Max
M0GHQ

181. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-06-28 18:21:13 UTC
From: dl2arl
Topic: 42 Message: 181

Gentlemen,
I am newly registered to the group here, but reading the topics since long.

I would very much like to purchase a Vibroplex Champion. By being a lefty, it would be nice to find one for the left hand. Otherwise, no problem, encouraged from the message written by W9GOC, I would eagerly try to convert it myself.

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Thank you and 73,
Razvan, DL2ARL

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182. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-06-28 21:42:31 UTC
From: Lee Young
Topic: 42 Message: 182

Razvan,

I wish you luck in locating a Vibroplex Champion "Lefty".

I had to look a long time, until finally locating a Champion "lefty" on eBay. I'm glad I continued to look. I found one hardly used, it came to me in it's original 1965 shipping container mailed to the first owner in Virginia.

If I see one I will let you know. I also am not a collector, just a satisfied user.

--
Lee Young, K5LY
ARRL Life member, CWops #1124, FISTS #15371, SKCC #7448, NAQCC #5451
CW Forever!

On Fri, 2013-06-28 at 18:21 +0000, dl2arl wrote:
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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-06-28 22:10:49 UTC
From: dl2arl
Topic: 42 Message: 183

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184. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-06-29 07:46:20 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 42 Message: 184

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a left handed speed key to my desk. Each time I see one, the price
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185. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-06-29 15:05:47 UTC
From: Mike Morrow, W3QT
Topic: 42 Message: 185

Razvan,

I have a 1932 left-handed Lightning. Drop me an email at my QRZ.com
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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-06-29 16:05:36 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 42 Message: 186

Hello

There is a lefty Original on eBay with box.

121135127365

I don't want to be the only one bidding. Come and join the fray.

Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@...

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187. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-06-29 17:16:01 UTC
From: TroyW6HV
Topic: 42 Message: 187

I have been trying to get a presentation gold top original for several years. Like Joe, every time the price went way out of reach. A new one is really pricey! I still look and hope.
Troy, W6HV

From: Joe V31JP
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2013 12:46 AM
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

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188. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Champion from 1941 for sale

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-06-29 17:40:42 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 42 Message: 188
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@...

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> To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-06-29 17:56:22 UTC
From: TroyW6HV
Topic: 42 Message: 189
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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-06-29 22:07:48 UTC
From: dl2arl
Topic: 42 Message: 190

Thanks for all that have responded to my lefty request! It is amazing how many nice people are out there sharing the same interests, in this case the bug.

I visited today a sports pal living in a city close by who has a plain, normal, right handed vibroplex in his shack. I tried it intensively and am now able to say: YES I CAN!

I am used to electronic bugs. Wanted a lefty by being used to key left in order to keep my right hand free for a pencil, to caress my xyl, or smoke an eventual cigarette (am a happy no-smoker ;-). But as it seems to be, I can drive a BUG confortaly with both hands.

Having seen the prices of the left handed Vibroplexes which are all way out beyond my reach, I will intensify the search for a normal, plain right handed one and stay happy with it, or eventually turn it upside-down now and then, but not because I must, but just for fun. So if you see one looking for a new home at a civil price, I will be very thankfull.

Thanks again and keep in touch!
Razvan DL2ARL

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191. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-08-01 18:39:13 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 160 Message: 191

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192. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-08-01 19:51:35 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 160 Message: 192

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193. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-08-01 22:52:54 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 160 Message: 193
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I'm sorry, I meant the Champion.

Yep, I have one and there is a photo of one in the

book I referenced. I'll see if I can scan it.

Also the patent drawings clearly shows the

shorting bar.

I've attached the patent.

Here is mine. The shorting bar is a bit hidden

and according to the drawings, should be

between the lever and the right post. Not

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194. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher [2 Attachments]

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-08-02 00:12:24 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 160 Message: 194

Interesting, Fernando.

Two things that are rather distinct with Zephyr keys, the 3" base and
the circuit closure switch on the
right side of the key with the hot side plate on the connector post as
in your drawing. I found mine
on eBay advertised as a Champion and there had been a question as to it
being a Zephyr. The
clincher were the 3" base and circuit closure switch being a Zephyr and
mine is positioned like the
drawing.

I have not seen a La Hiff with screws through the weight bar and spring,
only on top of the dot bar,
pinching the main spring down to hold the length.

What size is your base, Fernando?

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195. Re: [VCA-USA] My Zypher

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-08-04 00:08:59 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 160 Message: 195

Hello,

I've put a few pictures in the photo section under my call.

They depict the Champion with shorting bar,

another Champion and the Zypher.

Referencing the patent fig 1,

I have notice that the shorting bar screw 85, on this Champion,

is not on the center line with the screw 75 for the terminals as

shown on the patent.

The dimensions for the Champions are 6 1/2"x 3 1/2" and

for the Zypher is 6 1/2" x 3".

Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@sbcglobal.net

On Mar 24, 2013, at 8:05 PM, Joe V31JP <v31jp1957@...> wrote:

> I finally got my first one, Pete. There was confusion whether it was a
> Champion or Zephyr on eBay,
> but the the circuit closure was the give away. I confirmed it was a 3" X
> 6 1/4", another trait of the Zephyr.
> It came with Vibroplex wedge cord, missing the insulator, and a carrying
> case for $50.00 and yes, I went
> to confession!
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> On 3/24/2013 8:27 PM, Pete Theer wrote:
>> A 3" wide base is normal for the zephyr. I have 3 of them.
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196. Vibroplex Bug User

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-09-26 01:51:39 UTC
From: <glene77is@...>
Topic: 196 Message: 196

Guys,
I an not a true blue collector.

First used my "Original" Bug in 1958, my first station, K4KKQ, Norfolk.

I am a "User" ..... and my "Bug" is "Well Used" !
...
If the Bug rattles
..... then I put a half-drop of light oil on it.
If the Bug slides on the table,
..... then I pull it back.
If the Bug makes more dits than I do,
..... then I take a break.

The patch of leather on the 'dah' handle was to keep
the Arc-5 grid-key voltage from grabbing at my hand.

There was a time when a "Bug" was a Prize,
and Well Used every QSO.

Glen, KK4LPLG

197. Help Identifying Telegraph Key

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-10-17 19:18:45 UTC
From: <jadriansen@...>
Topic: 197 Message: 197

Hello everyone, First time poster here. I only have one Vibroplex which is a Lightning Bug Deluxe sn 190xxx. Anyway, there is a telegraph key listed on eBay that appears to me to be from the early 1900's. I was wondering if someone can ID it for me. The eBay listing is 171152044431. It has an unusual rear foot and comes with wedge and wooden box. The box does not have a wire loop handle but it is metal. May or may not be a Vibroplex. Tnx de Jim aj4vp.

198. Re: [VCA-USA] Help Identifying Telegraph Key

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-10-17 20:43:41 UTC
From: Gordon Hogarth
Topic: 197 Message: 198

Hi Jim:

The key you asked about on EBay certainly appears to be a Vibroplex Original model and quite old. The bolt passing through the damper post indicates ca 1905 or so.

The manufacturer's plate is missing. You might ask the vendor if he has it and if so to include it in the sale. Having the plate as part of the item would considerably increase the price in my view.

The leg extending from the rear of the key appears to be not original and added by someone other than Vibroplex.

The handle on the box also appears to be an ad-on. All of the boxes I have seen have a flat leather handle. I do not know who made the carrying cases but would like to know.

Both the box and the key need a lot of "TLC". See the book by Bill Smith, W4PAL, "How to Restore Old Telegraph Keys" for detailed information on cleaning / restoring. Happy bidding.

73 de Gord, VE3CNA

----- Original Message -----
From: jadriansen@...
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 3:18 PM
Subject: [VCA-USA] Help Identifying Telegraph Key

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199. Re: [VCA-USA] Help Identifying Telegraph Key

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-10-21 13:53:34 UTC
From: Fabio Bonucci, IK0IXI
Topic: 197 Message: 199

Hi Jim.
Unfortunately I read your message too late, the auction is ended....
However the key sold for 35.00 bucks only was an early Martin Vibroplex, maybe made in 1905.
No SN on damper or base (but screw on damper), no number on base. Typical signs of early Martin production.
The nameplate is missing, but a nice piece for restoration.
The rear foot was introduced in 1907-8 while H.G. Martin left NY for Norcross, GA but the keys produced over there were Double Lever model, not Martin Vibroplex.
I suppose that the rear foot on this Vibroplex is a aftermarket mod.

See you.

73 de Fabio Bonucci, IKØIXI
(also KF1B and IQØKT)

VCA Founder

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200. RE: Alligator Finish

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-11-20 01:51:11 UTC
From: <arius7@...>
Topic: 55 Message: 200

I have a '35 Junior with that finish. I've seen it referred to as 'Leatherette' as well. It is not as sturdy a finish as the japanning, but still neat.

Chris

---In vibroplexcollectorsassn@yahoogroups.com, <k8jp@...> wrote:

That finish is not common, but they did use that at times. I have seen it write about, but I do remember the source right off hand. It seems like your key would be in that time frame of what I read if my recollection is not off.

--- In VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
mailto:VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com, "William" <fretjock@...> wrote:
>
> I recently acquired a 1935 Lightning with an unusual finish. The surface has small bumps in it (like alligator skin) and it has pinstripes like the japanned models.
> Has anyone heard of or seen this before?
>
> Thanks,
> Bill WV1N
>

201. Champion with Shorting Lever

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-12-22 18:20:16 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 201 Message: 201

FYI.

Just noticed a champion with shorting lever on eBay .

eBay number

261359189123

Although, it states that is a 1918 model, cross checking

with Vibproplex dates, it’s a 1939.

Reason for the post was to show that there are

champions with shorting bars that aren’t converted

lightning bugs.

Happy Holidays to all.

Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@...

202. RE: Champion with Shorting Lever

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-12-23 14:04:08 UTC
From: <mbabineau@...>
Topic: 201 Message: 202

Fernando :

It looks like a Zephyr to me. It is hard to tell by the listing as the seller doesn't show a shot directly from above but the positioning of the weight above the Vibroplex tag seems to correspond to position observed on my Zephyr when I orient a small weight the same way.

Michael VE3WMB

P.S. There is only a 1/2 inch difference in width between the Zephyr and the Champion.

203. Re: [VCA-USA] Champion with Shorting Lever

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2013-12-23 16:44:47 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 201 Message: 203

Hello

Thanks fellas for the reply. I was gg

to query the seller but after it’s sold

it’s a mute point.

Happy Holidays.

Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@sbcglobal.net

On Dec 23, 2013, at 6:04 AM, mbabineau@... wrote:

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204. BLUE RACER VALUE

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-01-06 14:21:40 UTC
From: <dr_berkman@...>
Topic: 204 Message: 204

A silent key's wife is about to sell his vibroplex blue racer....how can I determine a fair value. I do not want to short change her per price. Thank you. I will ask for the serial number and age when I contact her. K2CXP

205. RE: BLUE RACER VALUE

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-01-06 17:42:08 UTC
From: <ghogarth@...>
Topic: 204 Message: 205

It would help even more to see photographs of the key from all angles including the bottom and the manufacturer's plate with serial number. VE3CNA

206. Re: [VCA-USA] BLUE RACER VALUE

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-01-06 22:41:27 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 204 Message: 206

Need to know that serial number and that will determine its age. Also,
is the base painted, colour or chrome/nickel, Standard or Deluxe.

On 1/6/2014 8:21 AM, dr_berkman@... wrote:
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207. How old is my key? and repair info question.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-07 14:04:31 UTC
From: <jimk2tl@...>
Topic: 207 Message: 207

Hello Group
I am new here. Glad I found this group as I have some questions.
I recently dug out my old Vibrokeyer. It is serial number 219506. I wonder how old it is? I remember I bought it second hand in the late 60's.
I want to put it back in service. I tried cleaning it up as best I could but it really should have a few minor replacement parts. The contacts are a bit worn. I cleaned them up but they don't seem to rest flat and it is causing some "bounce" like errors. Also the contact slides and screw are very tarnished.
I went to the Vibroplex home page but that site does not seem to be maintained very well and the repair parts list and mechanical drawings are a bit difficult to view. There is also no link available for serial number lookup.
Any suggestions would be nice!
Thanks
Jim
K2TL

208. Re: [VCA-USA] How old is my key? and repair info question.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-07 16:57:51 UTC
From: Garey Barrell
Topic: 207 Message: 208

Jim -

1961.

See <http://vibroplexcollector.net/>

73, Garey - K4OAH
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209. Re: [VCA-USA] How old is my key? and repair info question.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-07 17:13:29 UTC
From: Jim
Topic: 207 Message: 209

OK..thanks for that! I was licensed in 1964. I bought it from a local Ham maybe in 1968 or 69. I used it until I bought a Kent iambic paddle about 15 years ago. I kept it in a desk drawer and just decided to pull it out and use it on a spare rig here. It is still a nice key! It just needs a bit of TLC.
Jim

On 2/7/2014 11:57 AM, Garey Barrell wrote:
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210. Vibroplex Bug Lubrication

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-17 22:24:22 UTC
From: <glene77is@...>
Topic: 210 Message: 210

. Guys,
My bug is rattling a little and that means it is time to lube it.
Does anybody have any comments about lubrication of a Bug ?
3-in-1 oil or graphite ?
Maybe I should tighten the adjusments on the vertical post
or leave that to the lubrication ?
I have my own method, but am open to suggestions.
Glen Ellis, KK4LPG
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211. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Bug Lubrication

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-17 22:29:49 UTC
From: Troy,w6hv
Topic: 210 Message: 211

I don’t recommend lubricating a bug. Re-adjust settings.
Troy, W6HV

From: glene77is@...
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2014 2:24 PM
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Bug Lubrication

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212. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Bug Lubrication

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-17 22:45:50 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 210 Message: 212

No lubrication to a Vibroplex, just clean & adjust.

On 2/17/2014 4:24 PM, glene77is@... wrote:
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213. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Bug Lubrication

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-17 23:16:56 UTC
From: gary mankoff
Topic: 210 Message: 213

ONE MINISCULE DROP ON THE PIVOTS WITH A TEFLON BASED LUBE

On Monday, February 17, 2014 2:45 PM, Joe V31JP <v31jp1957@...> wrote:

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On 2/17/2014 4:24 PM, glene77is@... wrote:

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214. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Bug Lubrication

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-18 00:02:02 UTC
From: Chris
Topic: 210 Message: 214

Unless you have a jeweled movement, you have a steel (pivot post) on brass (post screws) friction point. If heavily used, you could easily wear and wallow out the pivot (trunion) screws. It would be advisable to place a small amount of light oil onto the screw end upon re-assembly after cleaning. I have used a very light Moebius synthetic watch oil in the past, but it is doubtful mine would see enough use to see any huge benefit.
For shelf queens? I wouldn't bother.

Regards,
Chris

Sent from my outdated iPhone wireless thingy

On Feb 17, 2014, at 4:29 PM, "Troy,w6hv" <w6hv@...t> wrote:

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215. Re: [VCA-USA] Vibroplex Bug Lubrication

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-18 02:01:28 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 210 Message: 215

What I have found is, a properly adjusted speed keys need no
lubrication. The worse wear
I see is the holes in the dash lever holes for the trunion. I have seen
keys where the lubrication
collected dust/dirt in the pivot points and ended up being "gummy." One
was so bad, even
with loosely adjusted trunion pivot screws, the lever was slow to
return. That was a case of
really overly abundant lubrication being applied. ☺ If any, I would try
a little bit of the Teflon
lubrication on the end of the trunion, but as a rule, nothing.

On 2/17/2014 6:02 PM, Chris wrote:
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216. RE: Vibroplex Bug Lubrication

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-18 02:10:41 UTC
From: <glene77is@...>
Topic: 210 Message: 216

Joe V31JP

Have PLAY, ever so slight.

Maybe it is just me rattling !
Thanks.

217. Re: [VCA-USA] RE: Vibroplex Bug Lubrication

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-18 02:25:56 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 210 Message: 217

GE, Glen.

Play issues can be a bear to find sometimes. I just found an issue on
my lathe and it was
almost the opposite area of my suspicions! I got to get that dial
indicator set up! ☺
Then, after you find it, fixing can even be a challenge or easy.

My oldest Junior apparently was a work horse for a previous owner and
there is a lot
of slop in the dash bar with the trunion. There are a couple of ways to
fix that, but it
does not bother me nor effect its sending. I just know it is there.

And, with my arthritis, my keys are quiet compared to my joints creaking
and clicking!

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218. RE: Vibroplex Bug Lubrication

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-02-18 22:31:13 UTC
From: <glene77is@...>
Topic: 210 Message: 218

Guys,
Thanks for the response.

Joe V31JP wrote

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And that is just about the right way to handle it.

Glen Ellis, KK4LPG

219. Lightning Bug Parts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-03-03 16:11:27 UTC
From: <dimasd43@...>
Topic: 219 Message: 219

Hi,

This is my first message on this board. I have a 1943 Lightning Bug that is missing the captive trunnion nut on the Lower Triangular Plate. Is there anyone out there with an extra Plate that I can acquire?

Thanks,

D. Dimas

220. Re: [VCA-USA] Lightning Bug Parts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-03-03 19:12:37 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 219 Message: 220

Are you talking about the pressed in collar on the lower triangular
plate plate (25) that has the trunion lock screw (26)?
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221. Re: [VCA-USA] Lightning Bug Parts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-03-03 21:29:14 UTC
From: gary mankoff
Topic: 219 Message: 221

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222. Re: [VCA-USA] Lightning Bug Parts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-03-03 21:45:04 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 219 Message: 222

Gary,

If he needs the part I described, they are no longer available per Scott.
Neither the bottom nor top triangle plate.

On 3/3/2014 3:29 PM, gary mankoff wrote:
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223. Re: [VCA-USA] Lightning Bug Parts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-03-03 22:17:27 UTC
From: gary mankoff
Topic: 219 Message: 223

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224. Re: [VCA-USA] Lightning Bug Parts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-03-04 03:23:00 UTC
From: <dimasd43@...>
Topic: 219 Message: 224

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225. Re: [VCA-USA] Lightning Bug Parts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-03-04 15:11:35 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 219 Message: 225

I am not sure where you are located, but I buy small quantities of metal
from Exact Metals off eBay.
I have some brass rod on its way just for this project and others.

http://www.ebay.com/usr/exact_metals?_trksid=p3984.m1436.l2754

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P.O. Box 280, Dangriga, Stann Creek District
(Hopkins Village) Belize
011-501-503-7346 Belize
011-501-666-3564 Belize (cellular)
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226. W6SFM 2014 Spring Bug Roundup event (An event for Bug Key users around the world!)

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-04-10 04:44:59 UTC
From: The Smiths
Topic: 226 Message: 226

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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-04-10 04:53:10 UTC
From: glcazzola@...
Topic: 226 Message: 227

Beautiful, i will be on the air from here, IK4EWX wid my Vibroplex Presentation Bug 1986.... my Presentation 1964 is again a little too fast :-)?
73 es cul oc,
Ian IK4EWX

Invio eseguito dallo smartphone BlackBerry 10.

Da: The Smiths
Inviato: giovedì 10 aprile 2014 06:48
Rispondi a: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Oggetto: [VCA-USA] W6SFM 2014 Spring Bug Roundup event (An event for Bug Key users around the world!)

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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-05-17 00:00:20 UTC
From: The Smiths
Topic: 228 Message: 228

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229. Re: [VCA-USA] W6SFM Bug Roundup Event starts tomorrow!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-05-17 14:33:24 UTC
From: bcarling@...
Topic: 228 Message: 229

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230. RE: [VCA-USA] W6SFM Bug Roundup Event starts tomorrow!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-05-17 18:37:13 UTC
From: The Smiths
Topic: 228 Message: 230

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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-05-17 19:01:17 UTC
From: Brian Carling
Topic: 228 Message: 231

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Thanks for the info!

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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-05-18 11:07:26 UTC
From: w4foa@...
Topic: 228 Message: 232

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From: Franco - PY1EPU
Topic: 233 Message: 233

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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-05-19 00:11:55 UTC
From: bcarling@...
Topic: 228 Message: 234

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> being over baring we feel we have taken more than our share of their
> webpage and user group postings. Although, this is a very good suggestion. I
> believe that the group leaders of the SKCC have already embraced it.
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> Thank you again for your suggestions, and I hope to hear you on the air
> today! If not, than please be sure to catch us on our next Bug Roundup
> event in the month of November! For more information on When, Where and
> How, please VISIT our on-line website dedicated to this event by clicking on
> the following link:
> http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html 73,
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> To: vibroplexcollectorsassn@yahoogroups.com

> CC: notforchat@...
> From: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
> Date: Sat, 17 May 2014 10:33:24 -0400
> Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] W6SFM Bug Roundup Event starts tomorrow!
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> Hi - it;s good to see this event. Suggestions:
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> From someone who is on the air every day with a bug...
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> 1) If you want to make this event more meaningful - you should suggest a
> range of operating
> frequencies so that people will find each iother. Try to make them NOT ON
> TOP of the typical
> frequencies already in use by SKCC.
>
> 2) If you want to make this event more meaningful - have everyone that is
> using a bug sign
> their callsign /BUG - in other words I would use the callsign AF4K/BUG
> when calling CQ.
> Yes, I know the experiencedops can tell abug by the sound... but not always.
> With some of
> the best operators it is hard to tell if theya re using a bug.
>
> 3) Publicize it a lot more so the occasional bug users or new bug users will
> be aware and
> jump in.
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> 4) You might try to persuade the SKCC to run a special event in their
> monthly WES activity
> such that a "BUG TO BUG" contact counts as extra points. It's all in good
> fun and they do
> many special features, a different one every month for extra points. Since so
> many of us
> already use a bug they may not want to do that though!
>
> I will try to participate, and I hope the event is a success, but quite honestly
> I am on the air
> every day with my bug talking to many other people with bugs so it doesn't
> make much
> difference for me.
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> 73 de AF4K, Bry
> Sanford, FL
> SKCC #1879S
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> On 17 May 2014 at 0:00, The Smiths notforchat@...
> [Vibropl[VCA-USA] W6SFM
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235. Re: [VCA-USA] W6SFM Bug Roundup Event starts tomorrow!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-05-19 07:37:50 UTC
From: notforchat@...
Topic: 228 Message: 235

As you can imagine with a "boutique" type event you will not always hear people sending CQ BR. With small events like this one sometimes its best to send the CQ and fish for others. If everyone just listens for someone else to send the CQ BR than no one will work the event. With small events like this sometimes it's necessary to call CQ for 5 or ten minutes before some one in the event will answer. Keep in mind this is not yet as big as SK night or the big dx contests. This of course is also only for those with bugs as well, so growing the event is slow going. Although the bands seem to be especially bad this last Saturday during the event we were hearing many stations in the event. Mostly around the designated frequencies. Personally I was unable to hear more than a few eastern stations, and of those all were in the Deep South. However on the west coast we were hearing a few Japanese stations calling CQ BR. I worked 2 of them myself.
I hope that you and others are not discourage by you're first time results and that you give it another try in our next Bug Roundup event this coming November. Please check back at the W6SFM.COM website for more information. Thank you again for trying. 73,

W6SFM

236. Vibroplex parapahnaila

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-06-01 21:41:08 UTC
From: K5zrk
Topic: 236 Message: 236

I am seeking old Vibroplex advertisement, literature, and misc. Vibroplex merchandise to go along with my key collection. Cu on 30 and 40 meters, always qrp here- K5ZRK

Sent from my iPad

237. Paddle screws

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-07-07 18:01:59 UTC
From: AirRadio@...
Topic: 237 Message: 237

Does anyone have a supply of the small screws, csk and cheesehead that hold the paddles on and also a dot lever knob with the threaded screws fixing from an early key.
73 Max
M0GHQ

238. Re: [VCA-USA] Paddle screws

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-07-07 18:47:47 UTC
From: K5zrk
Topic: 237 Message: 238

I do a LOT of key repair and restoration and you should be able to get those from Vibroplex . Good luck . Larry k5zrk

Sent from my iPad

> On Jul 7, 2014, at 1:01 PM, "AirRadio@... [VibroplexCollectorsAssn]" <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com> wrote:
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239. Re: [VCA-USA] Paddle screws

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-07-07 18:50:46 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 237 Message: 239

The small screw is probably a 4-36 X 1/4" fillister head screw. I just ordered another 50, but it could be awhile before they arrive here. These are used to hold the paddle on the end and in the arbour holding set screws.

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240. Re: [VCA-USA] Paddle screws

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-07-07 19:35:58 UTC
From: Max Cotton
Topic: 237 Message: 240

Joe, Just found some similar ones on ebay but they are only 3/16" not long enough, how about the countersunk one that takes the place of the dot button, I have a couple to repair including a double lever that someone has messed with, need all the paddle screws and dot button for that one.
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241. Re: [VCA-USA] Paddle screws

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-07-07 19:38:59 UTC
From: Max Cotton
Topic: 237 Message: 241

Sorry... Dash lever button, don't know where I got 'dot' lever from, been a long day I suppose.
73 Max, M0GHQ

242. Re: [VCA-USA] Paddle screws

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-07-07 20:56:58 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 237 Message: 242

Good afternoon/evening, Max.

Yes, the 3/16" I believe were popular in the Lionel train equipment. I had a supplier that I bought 3/8" or 1/2" from, can't remember now. The 36 TPI is what makes them difficult to find. When pressed, I turn a 6-32 into a 4-36 using a tap die and my lathe.

Interesting on the double lever I have a picture of. The dot paddle uses an 8-32 slotted flat head screw, probably 5/16" in length The paddle is 0.165" thick and the bar about the same. Normally, the 4-36 X 1/4" slotted fillister head screw goes through the paddle with a through hole into the threaded bar. The picture I have just shows the end of the screw on the left side. Typical Vibroplex levers have the paddle held to the bar with the 4-36 screw and the larger hole is tapped with an 8-32 through the bar as the paddle is held tightly in place. Then, when the dash knob is screwed in from the right side, the paddle is held tightly by the knobs stud.

I had some dash knobs I acquired, but they had threaded inserts. I screwed in brass studs with permanent Lock-tite.
I am getting some black Delrin® to try an turn some old style knobs with 8-32 studs, when I get a chance. ☺

Double lever, huh? I envy you. I have missed a couple of chances on basket cases, wasn't able to get back home at bidding's end. Even then, they drew proud prices, but I keep looking.

Oh, I found a couple of other double lever pictures. The small screw is like any other, the fillister head screw through the paddle into the bar. One just has round head screw in the 8-32 hole, the others have flat head screws, it appears.
Then, I see there is a mix between two paddles, two paddles & a knob and a paddle & a knob. ☺

I just checked and the 4-36 screws were delivered to my daughter's in Texas today.

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243. FOR SALE !! FRATTINI PRO DELUXE BUG

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-07-26 00:54:30 UTC
From: cameldriver777@...
Topic: 243 Message: 243
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello All,

I am downsizing my shack and keys. I have a nice Frattini Pro Deluxe Bug for sale. 1 photo attached. Purchased in June 2007 directly from Alberto Frattini, serial nr 016X. Photos and info available. $535 shipped to U.S. 48. Please email if interested to cameldriver777@aol.com. Tks es 73 Pete W5PEH

244. Re: FOR SALE !! FRATTINI PRO DELUXE BUG

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-07-26 01:11:01 UTC
From: cameldriver777@...
Topic: 243 Message: 244

Email to cameldriver777 at aol dot com.

73

Pete W5PEH

245. SOLD FRATTINI PRO DELUXE

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-07-27 00:18:42 UTC
From: cameldriver777@...
Topic: 245 Message: 245

THE KEY HAS SOLD. THANKS TO ALL.....73 PETE W5PEH

246. Dating

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-02 09:13:13 UTC
From: slinky_slink@...
Topic: 246 Message: 246

Have an Original Deluxe Chrome Bug serial #112972 which shows on brass stamping being made in Mobile, AL. What year would this have been?

247. Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-03 01:05:49 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 247 Message: 247
Attachments: 4 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello to all.

So… I had some time to read the local Craigslist while

waiting to pick up the grandkids from their summer camp

this pass Friday morning.

Lo and behold, a picture was posted with a beam for $100.

Here take a look http://sfbay.craigslist.org/sby/ele/4593887530.html

They also had a picture with some housewares and there

I spied some bugs.

I rushed to the scene after instructing the wife to pick

up the kids. Arriving, I spotted some hams and figured

that they got the dips on the bugs. Sure enough

none can be found. So I went home with some sadness.

Later I browsed the listings again and to my surprise

the bug picture was on a different listing entirely.

Can you spot them?

http://sfbay.craigslist.org/pen/gms/4594243076.html

And they came home with me.

A Vibroplex double lever with a clover leaf cutout.

A Blue racer #4 also with a clover leaf cutout.

A 1919 Original.

$100 each, the lady was firm, no buts.

It wasn’t too long ago that a Double Lever went for $875.

I gave a small deposit and rush over to the nearest ATM.

I was lucky that no other ham arrived while I was gone.

Here they are:

Yep… $100 each and the lady was steadfast.., "price as marked

and no buts”.. OK.

Next purchase, a Lotto Ticket.

Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@...

248. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity. [4 Attachments]

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-03 01:17:20 UTC
From: Troy,w6hv
Topic: 247 Message: 248
Attachments: 4 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Congratulations on a great find, Fernando! Hope to hear you with one of those soon.

73,
Troy, W6HV

From: mailto:VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 6:05 PM
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity. [4 Attachments]

[Attachment(s) from Fernando included below]

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249. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity. [4 Attachments]

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-03 03:22:25 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 247 Message: 249

Nice, Fernando.

I missed a Double Lever, but without a label that went for $222, I
think. Good catch there.
That was like a fishing 'Honey Hole.'

On 8/2/2014 7:05 PM, Fernando n2fq@...
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250. Photo problem

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-03 15:39:39 UTC
From: slinky_slink@...
Topic: 250 Message: 250

Anyone having issues bringing up photos in that section?

251. Re: [VCA-USA] Dating

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-04 03:46:17 UTC
From: Carl Wulfestieg
Topic: 246 Message: 251

Slinky- Well, it looks like no one is going to answer you- The Vibroplex Collectors Guide just says that
Vibroplex moved to Mobile, AL in 1995. So, I poked around on the internet a little and found the following:

"The company again changed hands and was moved to Mobile, AL in 1995. At that point the serial number sequence was restarted at 100,000 (actually 100,500). The company was sold and moved to Knoxville, TN in 2005."

" . . . model Vibroplex bug sn 110270 manufactured in Mobile, AL around 2002 . . ."

My estimate of manufacturing date for your serial number 112972, using the above figures, and some mathematical calculation and interpolation, would be 2004. Perhaps you could find more info on the internet. Good Luck!
73 Carl WZ4CW

252. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-10 01:12:42 UTC
From: Lee Becham
Topic: 247 Message: 252
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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From: mailto:VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
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To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
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253. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

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Date: 2014-08-10 01:14:49 UTC
From: Lee Becham
Topic: 247 Message: 253
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Sorry, I meant to say “Nice FERNANDO!”

From: mailto:VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, August 09, 2014 9:12 PM
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254. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-10 02:19:45 UTC
From: K5zrk
Topic: 247 Message: 254

Congratulations , why would you not want to clean it up and get it back to useable condition, that is what collectors do, congratulations - Larry k5zrk

Sent from my iPad

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255. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-10 02:29:03 UTC
From: Lee Becham
Topic: 247 Message: 255

Thanks for the reply, Larry.

I would *love* to get it on the air, I am just not sure of two things:
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Lee – KD4NTS

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Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 11:22 PM
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Nice, Fernando.

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256. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-10 02:41:26 UTC
From: Fernando
Topic: 247 Message: 256

Congratulations Lee.

I plan to clean mine and use it. It does work somewhat.

As for restoring it, I have W.R. Smith (W4PAL) book.

The front cover depicts his restoration of a double lever.

It won't hurt to ask him if he does it for others.

Look him up on QRZ.

Gee, don't see many and now we have two back to back, hi..

Fernando N2FQ/6
n2fq@...

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257. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-10 12:51:08 UTC
From: ghogarth@...
Topic: 247 Message: 257

Congratulations on your purchase and on your desire to preserve this artifact.
The book by Bill Smith, W4PAL, is the very best resource available and the book is available direct from him.
Also and for further information see the website of Tom Perera, W1TP at: www. w1tp.com for other insights on cleaning and restoring. 73 de Gord, VE3CNA

258. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-10 19:07:49 UTC
From: K5zrk
Topic: 247 Message: 258

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259. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-10 19:29:27 UTC
From: Joe V31JP
Topic: 247 Message: 259

Here you go, Larry.

http://www.wrsmithtelegraphkeys.com/telegraph.htm

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260. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-10 19:35:35 UTC
From: K5zrk
Topic: 247 Message: 260

Yes I found it thank you - Larry k5zrk

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261. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-11 01:32:04 UTC
From: Lee Becham
Topic: 247 Message: 261
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Thanks guys. I will take a look at the book and see
what it takes. I'm sure I'll get more out of it if I
do it myself – I just hope I have the schedule to
fit it in.

I'll post pics from time to time and ask questions, I'm sure.

Lee – KD4NTS

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262. Screw sizes on double lever key

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-24 19:16:34 UTC
From: Max Cotton
Topic: 262 Message: 262

I have found a double lever key in the UK, the paddles were missing so I made some new ones from Fishpaper, now I come to fit them I find that the screws are all different sizes, on the left lever one is 4-36 fillister the next is an odd size in between 4-36 and 8-32, maybe 6-32? and the ones on the right lever are 8-32 csk and 4-36 csk, does anyone have a good detailed picture of what this should look like after I put it back together? I also need a 'dash' button to go with the lever paddles if anyone has an old style one for sale.
73 Max

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263. Re: [VCA-USA] Screw sizes on double lever key

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-08-24 19:31:54 UTC
From: Joseph L Pontek Sr
Topic: 262 Message: 263

Lucky guy, Max. They are 4-36 fillister head because I just bought some
for my shop. The other should be
an 8-32, the knob stud. I have seen several pictures of them with two
paddles, no knob, two paddles and a knob
on the right dash bar. I liked the one where the right paddle and bar
were like on a single lever Vibroplex and the
left paddle the same except there was just a screw coming through
instead of knob. I have seen round head and
filister head, 8-32 there, but suspect it should be a fillister head,
also. Maybe some one has an original ad picture?
I bought some new style, but had to turn them to the old style contours.

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264. O. V. Pakka Key

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-10-05 17:07:01 UTC
From: al7jk@...
Topic: 264 Message: 264

Greetings, since joining the Vibroplex Collectors I've been admiring
the series of photographs of a particular Vibroplex key that's on display
in the photo albums here.
The key which is inscribed with " O. V. Pakka Alaskan Communication System "
is this key from the WAMCATS Washington-Alaska Military Cable and
Telegraph System ?
If so this key has some unique history behind it ...

73
AL7JK, John
Eagle River, Alaska
skcc # 170

265. W6SFM Bug Roundup Event Coming Soon

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-10-12 22:34:20 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 265 Message: 265

Announcing W6SFM's BUG ROUNDUP http://w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html

The Samuel F. Morse Amateur Radio Club, a Sacramento, California based CW enthusiast club wanted a special time to bring bug operators together on the air. In the same spirit as ARRL's Straight Key Night, participants are encouraged to make simple, conversational, “chewing-the-fat” QSOs using their bug type key. This is an opportunity to exercise, share and exhibit your personalized fist. This is NOT a contest. Simply Call "CQ BR" so folks know you are a Bug Roundup Participant. Grab that bug, clean those contacts, and let’er fly! Let’s hear that “Banana Boat / Lake Erie Swing" or that commercial KPH/WCC quality fist.

Reserve the day! November 15th, 2014
10:00 AM to 10:00 PM Pacific Time (LOCAL)
1800 UTC through 0600 UTC

For more information and to help assist in spotting, potentially increasing QSOs, an On-line chat window will be available at the bottom of Bug Roundup home page located at www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup We hope to hear you all on the air! 73,

W6SFM

266. Morse telegraphy recognized as intangible heritage of humanity

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-11-10 22:34:05 UTC
From: iz0krc@...
Topic: 266 Message: 266

Hello to everybody.
An important step for the telegraphy.
On next November 12th , with the support of the German DARC, in the Netherlands will be recognized the Morse Telegrapy as intangible heritage of humanity.

For more info :
Morsetelegrafie in den Niederlanden als immaterielles Kulturerbe anerkannt http://www.darc.de/aktuelles/details/article/morsetelegrafie-in-den-niederlanden-als-immaterielles-kulturerbe-anerkannt/

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View on www.darc.de http://www.darc.de/aktuelles/details/article/morsetelegrafie-in-den-niederlanden-als-immaterielles-kulturerbe-anerkannt/
Preview by Yahoo

73 de Claudio iz0krc.

267. CQ BR DE W6SFM this Saturday!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-11-12 03:13:20 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 267 Message: 267

Just a friendly reminder that the W6SFM Bug Roundup event will be held this Saturday the 15th at 1800 UTC through 0600 UTC !

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Be sure to visit our Home Page at www.w6sfm.com to learn more about the SFM ARC and how we're helping to support and preserve CW on the bands.

We hope that you will all join us for the event!
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268. Loosening terminal nut

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-12-11 19:48:49 UTC
From: toptyp19@...
Topic: 268 Message: 268

Hi to all-

I recently acquired a nice #4 from 1923. Looks to be all original.
I am having difficulty loosening a terminal nut. I want to remove the
wedge which is still attached. All other lock nuts, etc. turn freely but
this one. The threads are clean and appear undamaged. I've tried
heavy rubber bands, grommets, rubber stopper to no avail.
The threads have been soaked several times with Kroil prior to the
attempts. Any suggestions would be helpful. I don't want to chew up
the knurling on the top of the brass nut. Thanks in advance!

73, Joe-WA9LAE

269. Re: [VCA-USA] Loosening terminal nut

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-12-11 20:04:55 UTC
From: Max Cotton
Topic: 268 Message: 269

Joe, Give it some heat with a soldering iron, that should loosen it up, be careful not to get solder into the nut knurlings though.
73 Max
M0GHQ/W8BX

----- Original Message -----
From: toptyp19@... [VibroplexCollectorsAssn]
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 7:48 PM
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270. Re: [VCA-USA] Loosening terminal nut

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-12-11 20:58:35 UTC
From: Joseph L Pontek Sr
Topic: 268 Message: 270

I believe heat has been suggested and combine that with leather lined
pliers to protect the
knurling on the nut. I never throw out old belts. ☺

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271. Re: [VCA-USA] Loosening terminal nut

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-12-11 21:58:35 UTC
From: toptyp19@...
Topic: 268 Message: 271

Many thanks to Max, Joseph, William and George!
Heat was going to be my next attempt but I didn't think
my 30 W pencil would do the trick, hi! (Weller broke some
time ago). The leather belt trick worked perfectly. The
nut loosened easily without inflicting any damage.
You guys are great!

73, Joe-WA9LAE

272. Re: Loosening terminal nut

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-12-13 02:57:56 UTC
From: cameldriver777@...
Topic: 268 Message: 272

Joe if you use some KROIL penetrating oil and let it set for a few hours
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there and elsewhere....works great.....had one I let sit in a zip lock bag for
a week but it finally worked....better than ruining it....etc...
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Pete W5PEH

273. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Loosening terminal nut

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-12-13 03:12:49 UTC
From: Joseph L Pontek Sr
Topic: 268 Message: 273

Oh, I have the orange can on my bench. The chap said he soaked it in
Kroil. Some folks don't have gorilla paws like me or when the arthritis
whimps me down, I use the leather to pad my muscle improvers.
For others, I totally agree with Pete on how effective Kroil is.
I use the leather pads when I have heated such items to protect
my pinkies from hot nuts, er, thumb nuts.

On 12/12/2014 8:57 PM, cameldriver777@... [VibroplexCollectorsAssn]
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274. Re: Loosening terminal nut

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-12-13 03:24:09 UTC
From: toptyp19@...
Topic: 268 Message: 274

Thanks Pete and Joseph-

I got the nut loose by both the Kroil soaking and the leather padded gas pliers. Think both were needed. The nut remained pristine and I am happy!

Thanks again you guys.
73, Joe-WA9LAE

275. Re: Loosening terminal nut

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2014-12-13 19:29:00 UTC
From: cameldriver777
Topic: 268 Message: 275

Glad to hear u got it !!! I learned the hard way especially on the Thumb piece..ha ha...if they don't EASILY unscrew with my fingers they get soaked. Better than a hand full of black particles...ha ha
Good news om.
73
Pete
Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

278. Re: New Year Bug Maintenance

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-01-12 04:27:42 UTC
From: glen.e77is@...
Topic: 277 Message: 278

Well, the New Year has started, and it is nigh time that we all put our ear to the BUG and listen for good Bug health.
Does your rattle... just a bit ?
Did you wipe off the dust from the last Week-end CW challenge ?

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but they will stay, just like I think they were in 1940.
I call it "patina" , the look of loving useage, the kind touch of my hand.
Like the wrinkles in my face , there are some things that I plan to keep , as is !

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(anything else can be done with an iPhone.)

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279. Not a vibroplex but:

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-02-24 18:11:32 UTC
From: cwcodebug@...
Topic: 279 Message: 279

I have a Signal Electric SEMATIC, a combination bug and sideswiper. I have seen a copy of the ad for the original which shows two binding posts (terminals). Mine has three. Can anyone send me a picture of the bottom of the sematic showing the wiring. thanks, Frank, AA2XB, SKCC 1681S

280. 1914 Horace Martin Vibroplex Original - looking for source of original parts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-03-27 01:14:27 UTC
From: robindeputy@...
Topic: 280 Message: 280

I just acquired a 1914 Horace Martin Vibroplex Original semiautomatic key. It is in fairly rough shape, but not a basket case. I need a source for some of the parts, such as the dot return spring, the triangular paddle and button, plus original speed weights. That's what I know I need a first glance. As I dig in further, I may uncover more things to fix. I restore Vibroplex keys and sell them as a way to make some hobby income. I usually get the parts direct from Vibroplex, but I know that they don't support the models made before 1945, so with a 101 year old key in hand, I sure would like to keep it as original as possible. Any resources you may know of to get these parts would be a big help. Thanks in advance.

Robin Deputy KE9SQ

281. W6SFM Bug Roundup Event Coming May 16th

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-04-15 21:27:15 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 281 Message: 281

Announcing W6SFM's BUG ROUNDUP http://w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html

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Reserve the day! Saturday May 16th, 2015
07:00 AM to 07:00 PM Pacific Time (LOCAL)
1400 UTC through Sunday 1400 UTC

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282. Circuit closure switch

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-04-26 03:44:16 UTC
From: Joseph L Pontek Sr
Topic: 282 Message: 282

I just acquired a 1969 Lightning Deluxe in pretty nice shape. It is missing the
circuit closure switch, though the screw is there for the pivot. When I lost a
lot of my accumulated key history information, it included a lot of Vibroplex
information. I am thinking, the circuit closure switches were dropped after
about 1970 and the move to Maine. So, this '69 should have one. I can make
everything except for the red knob, which if I could acquire the right 1/2" red
plastic rod, I could make it, too. Of course, if someone has one laying about
I could buy, let me know.

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I am going on home on the 4th of May to warm up and get back to work.

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283. Re: [VCA-USA] Circuit closure switch

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-04-26 05:48:51 UTC
From: Pete Theer K5PRT
Topic: 282 Message: 283

Hi Joe,

I think they quit using circuit closers in 1967. I have a 1967 standard original that I purchased from an avid collecter. It has a screw in the place where the circuit closer used to be. I'll bet your's doesn't have the metal plate that was at one time under the "dah" contact post to close the circuit with the switch. I believe they used some precast bases and just put a scew in the pre-cast hole and no circuit closer. You can see a photo of mine on my website on this page look down to 1967. The vibroplexes are in order of age: http://www.k5prt.com/equipment_bugs.html

73,
Pete

Pete Theer K5PRT
Kempner, Texas
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SWOT #294, SMIRK # 6930

----- Original Message -----

From: "Joseph L Pontek Sr v31jp1957@... [VibroplexCollectorsAssn]"
<VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2015 10:44:16 PM
Subject: [VCA-USA] Circuit closure switch

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284. Re: [VCA-USA] Circuit closure switch

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-04-26 17:11:37 UTC
From: Joseph L Pontek Sr
Topic: 282 Message: 284

Now that you say that, I recall similar notes, Pete. I lost all of my
key notes, pictures, etc.
in a mass failure. I am slowly trying to build it back up.

Key sounds nice and is smooth sending. Need to throw up some wire here
before I head
back home. I'm having a hard time sending K8JP now. ☺

Nice collection, Pete.

On 4/25/2015 11:48 PM, Pete Theer K5PRT k5prt@...
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285. Modex and origonal wooden box

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-05-03 20:55:09 UTC
From: wc29501@...
Topic: 285 Message: 285

I have a Model X with the original Vibroplex box owned by C. W. Henderson a telegraph operator for the
Southern Pacific Railway in California. I thought some may be interesting in seeing the box. I think the box is probably rare. The photos are posted in the photo section.

Wayne W4ID

286. Re: Modex and origonal wooden box

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-05-04 01:26:42 UTC
From: John Raynsford
Topic: 285 Message: 286

> I thought some may be interesting in seeing the box.>Wayne W4IDIndeed ! Thanks for sharing Wayne. The stories such keys could tell.
73 de AL7JK, John

287. website down?

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-06-02 16:52:35 UTC
From: Kevin Whitcomb
Topic: 287 Message: 287

Is the main website down?

288. Viz-Key

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-07-06 11:53:33 UTC
From: glen.e77is@...
Topic: 288 Message: 288

Guys

KU8L (KU eight L) is taking over the VIZ-key operation !
Check the website.

quote:
eHam.net Article: VIZKEY is Back:
- After a lot of deliberation I have found someone who I know
... I have found this quality in Curtis Nixon / KU8L.
end-quote

I am still slapping m 1940 Bug , from my first station ...
Glen, KK4LPG

289. Serial number question

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-08-02 00:20:29 UTC
From: jimk2tl@...
Topic: 289 Message: 289

Hello
I picked up a Vibroplex bug at the local club that shows a serial of 54533. It has a chrome base. I checked the online sites for dating Vibroplex bugs by the serial number and it seems this one is a 1917 era bug. However, I find that very hard to believe because this one looks like a fairly recent production. Any help?
Thank!
Jim

290. Re: [VCA-USA] Serial number question

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-08-02 04:08:56 UTC
From: Wayne Cooke
Topic: 289 Message: 290
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

From: "jimk2tl@... [VibroplexCollectorsAssn]" <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
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Subject: [VCA-USA] Serial number question

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291. Re: [VCA-USA] Serial number question [1 Attachment]

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-08-02 04:17:42 UTC
From: Wayne Cooke
Topic: 289 Message: 291

Last reply is hard to read so I am sending it again54,164-55,911 is 1987
  From: "Wayne Cooke wc29501@... [VibroplexCollectorsAssn]"
<VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
To: "VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com" <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2015 12:08 AM
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] Serial number question [1 Attachment]

  [Attachment(s) from Wayne Cooke included below]

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292. Re: Serial number question

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-08-02 02:55:44 UTC
From: robindeputy@...
Topic: 289 Message: 292

Serial number 54533 is from a production run at one of the other manufacturing facilities, probably ME or AL. Numbering system did not stay consistent with the rest of the tribe. Yours is a 1987 model.

Regards,

Rob KE9SQ

Check out my restored bugs for sale in my Etsy shop, RobsHobbies.etsy.com

293. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: Serial number question

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-08-02 12:36:34 UTC
From: Jim
Topic: 289 Message: 293

Thank you very much! It belongs to our local radio club and we are
putting a bunch of old surplus equipment out for sale. Now I can list
the vintage. It is is real nice shape. Probably been in storage for
the last 20 years.. What do you think it is worth?
Jim K2TL

On 8/1/2015 10:55 PM, robindeputy@... [VibroplexCollectorsAssn] wrote:
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294. Re: [VCA-USA] Serial number question

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-08-02 16:54:31 UTC
From: Jim
Topic: 289 Message: 294

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295. W6SFM Bug Roundup Event coming soon!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-10-16 04:56:03 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 295 Message: 295

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296. W6SFM Bug Roundup Event Reminder

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2015-11-16 19:40:21 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 296 Message: 296

This is a general announcement to remind those interested that the W6SFM Samuel F Morse Amateur Radio Club will be holding its Semi Annual Bug Roundup http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html event NEXT SATURDAY!, November 21st starting from 1500 UTC though Sunday 1500 UTC. This 24-hour event is not a contest; rather it is a time dedicated to celebrating our CW and Bug key heritage. Participants are encouraged to get on the air and simply make enjoyable, conversational CW QSOs using a Bug style key as the sending instrument.
For more information including frequencies and where to optionally send your logs, or other event related pictures and emails after the event, please visit our Bug Roundup web page located at: http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html Be sure to mark this event on your calendar, we hope to hear you on the air this coming Saturday! 73

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297. W6SFM Bug Roundup Event THIS WEEKEND!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-05-17 18:39:28 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 297 Message: 297

It's that time of year again, CW Operators from all around the globe will come together this weekend on-air to participate in the Semi Annual W6SFM CW Bug Roundup Event. Samuel F. Morse Amateur Radio Club, a Sacramento, California based CW enthusiast club wanted a special time to bring bug operators together on the air. In the same spirit as ARRL's Straight Key Night, participants are encouraged to make simple, conversational, “chewing-the-fat” QSOs using their bug type keys. This is an opportunity to exercise, share and exhibit your personalized fist. This is NOT a contest. Call "CQ BR" so folks know you are a Bug Roundup Participant.

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Michael
N6MQL

298. Re: W6SFM Bug Roundup Event THIS WEEKEND!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-05-20 20:54:44 UTC
From: glen.e77is@...
Topic: 297 Message: 298

Guys,

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Glen Ellis, (K4KKQ) / KK4LPG

299. Re: [VCA-USA] Re: W6SFM Bug Roundup Event THIS WEEKEND!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-05-20 22:47:45 UTC
From: W6SFM
Topic: 297 Message: 299

Don't LISTEN, get out there and CALL CQ BR... If everyone just scans the bands and listens for other people calling CQ BR than no one will ever hear anyone.... We need to CALL CQ BR... 73,

Michael

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300. Re: New Year Bug Maintenance

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-08-09 00:59:42 UTC
From: glen.e77is@...
Topic: 277 Message: 300

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301. New Project

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-08-17 01:04:26 UTC
From: Lee Becham
Topic: 301 Message: 301
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https://www.avast.com/antivirus

302. Re: [VCA-USA] New Project

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-08-17 06:38:05 UTC
From: The Smiths
Topic: 301 Message: 302
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303. Re: [VCA-USA] New Project

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-08-17 12:39:47 UTC
From: Gordon Hogarth
Topic: 301 Message: 303
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Good luck with the project and 73 de Gordon, VE3CNA

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From: "The Smiths notforchat@... [VibroplexCollectorsAssn]"
Date: August 17, 2016 at 2:38 AM

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Lee

PS – sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Smith. From reading his book, he sounds like a real character!

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Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 8:39 AM
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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-08-23 01:31:34 UTC
From: Lee Becham
Topic: 301 Message: 305
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Here is the bug now almost completely disassembled. A little ways left.
So far, I haven't broken anything that wasn't already! :)

From: mailto:VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
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To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [VCA-USA] New Project

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Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-08-28 02:35:09 UTC
From: glen.e77is@...
Topic: 301 Message: 306

Gordon, VE3CNA

Agreed. Be gentle. Preserve the vintage key.
The prettiest part of my 1940 Original Bug is the Lightning Bug metal emblem !

Glen, KK4LPG

307. Re: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-10-12 01:12:36 UTC
From: Lee Becham
Topic: 247 Message: 307
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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I have been making progress. I will send a few emails with some photo updates.
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To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
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308. Fw: [VCA-USA] Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-10-12 01:17:54 UTC
From: Lee Becham
Topic: 308 Message: 308
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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309. RE: [VCA-USA] Digest Number 124

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-10-12 20:04:57 UTC
From: cameldriver777
Topic: 309 Message: 309

Been wondering how you were doing Lee...73Pete W5PEH

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Date: 10/12/16 2:17 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [VCA-USA] Digest Number 124

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Re: Want to share a rarity.

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Tue Oct 11, 2016 6:15 pm (PDT) . Posted by:

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310. Re: Want to share a rarity.

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-10-12 20:07:25 UTC
From: cameldriver777@...
Topic: 247 Message: 310

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Pete W5PEH

311. W6SFM Bug Roundup Event Coming Soon

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-10-21 02:45:51 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 265 Message: 311

Announcing W6SFM's BUG ROUNDUP http://w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html

The Samuel F. Morse Amateur Radio Club, a Sacramento, California based CW enthusiast club wanted a special time to bring bug operators together on the air. In the same spirit as ARRL's Straight Key Night, participants are encouraged to make simple, conversational, “chewing-the-fat” QSOs using their bug type key. This is an opportunity to exercise, share and exhibit your personalized fist. This is NOT a contest. Simply Call "CQ BR" so folks know you are a Bug Roundup Participant. Grab that bug, clean those contacts, and let’er fly! Let’s hear that “Banana Boat / Lake Erie Swing" or that commercial KPH/WCC quality fist.

Reserve the day! November 15th, 2014
10:00 AM to 10:00 PM Pacific Time (LOCAL)
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For more information and to help assist in spotting, potentially increasing QSOs, an On-line chat window will be available at the bottom of Bug Roundup home page located at www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup We hope to hear you all on the air! 73,

W6SFM

312. Re: [VCA-USA] W6SFM Bug Roundup Event Coming Soon

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-10-21 03:27:04 UTC
From: Joe
Topic: 265 Message: 312

Date/time: November 19th - 20th, 2016

http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html

On 10/20/2016 9:45 PM, w6sfm@... [VibroplexCollectorsAssn] wrote:
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Regards, Joe, Marty & Sidney Pontek
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(Hopkins Village) Belize
011-501-503-7346 Belize
011-501-666-3564 Belize (cellular)
or
2129 CR 1229
Pittsburg, TX 75686
U.S.A.
903-204-2318 (My cellular when in Texas)
903-884-5990 (Skype telephone number, Belize & TX)
Also, K8JP, member FOC-1743, CWops-876, QCWA-LM21894, OOTC-4607, A1OP, SKCC-3171T,
NAQCC-5798, Flying Pig-2819, FISTS-7625CC951, A1C-2299, SOC 1075, 10-10 22977, PG1915841,
CW Rag chewers #21,
Skype: v31joepalooka
Facebook: Joe Pontek
I am looking for Vibroplex Model X, Double lever and prefer basket cases to restore.
LotW

313. W6SFM Bug Roundup event CORRECTED DATE

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-10-21 16:46:23 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 313 Message: 313

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7:00 AM to 7:00 AM Pacific Time (LOCAL)
1500 UTC through 1500 UTC

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314. W6SFM Bug Roundup Event Reminder

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2016-11-13 23:14:14 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 296 Message: 314

This is a simple reminder that Next Weekend is the "CQ BR" W6SFM Bug Roundup Event!

W6SFM On-Air BUG ROUNDUP - Starts Saturday November 19th 1500 - 1500 November 20th 2016

Objective:
This 24-hour event is not a contest; rather it is a time dedicated to celebrating our CW and Bug key heritage. Participants are encouraged to get on the air and simply make enjoyable, conversational CW QSOs using a Bug style key as the sending instrument. There are no points scored in this event, and all who participate are winners.

An on-line spotting page and Operator Chat window will be active during the event and can be found by visiting the Bug Roundup Event page or by clicking HERE.
http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html
Once the event has concluded, logs can be submitted to the W6SFM by way of the link provided on the clubs Bug Roundup web page.

Thank you for your participation and we hope you enjoy the event. 73

For more information on this exciting event please visit the W6SFM Bug Roundup website page by clicking HERE http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html
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315. Bug Maintenance for News Resolution Time

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2017-01-01 17:52:50 UTC
From: glen.e77is@...
Topic: 315 Message: 315

Guys,

Well, the New Year has well started, this being January,
and it is nigh time that we all put our Ear to the BUG

and listen for Good Bug Health.

Does your BUG rattle... just a bit ?
Did you wipe off the dust from the last Week-end CW challenge ?

For me, my '40 Original has a little more rattle than it did last year,
so I will put a half drop of thin oil on the shaft bearing surfaces.

It is getting a bit dusty, as all things do,
so I will gently whoose it off. .

There are still the corrosion marks and pits in the various chrome platings,
but they will stay, just like I think they were in 1940.
I call it "patina" , the look of loving useage, the kind touch of my hand.
Like the wrinkles in my face , there are some things that I plan to keep , as is !

CW is the Real Thing in Ham Radio !
(anything else can be done with an iPhone.)

Glen Ellis, (K4KKQ) / KK4LPG

316. Need Bug Parts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2017-03-08 00:59:11 UTC
From: Lee Becham
Topic: 316 Message: 316
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi all,

I am in need of some parts to complete my cleaning of a 1920 Double Lever Bug.

Unfortunately, I will need all paddles and the thumb knob. Does anyone have any ideas on how to get these? I would like them as close to original as possible.

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Here are photos of my paddles and knob.

73 de Lee – KD4NTS

317. Re: [VCA-USA] Need Bug Parts

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2017-03-08 07:21:26 UTC
From: claudio ruggieri
Topic: 316 Message: 317
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi Lee,follow this links :
http://www.ebay.com/itm/152451019578?rmvSB=true
http://www.ebay.com/itm/152362217221?rmvSB=true

See well on the seller store, there is some other fit parts for bugs.
Good luck with your cleaning job.
All best de Claudio iz0krc.Ciao.

Da: "'Lee Becham' becham@mindspring.com [VibroplexCollectorsAssn]"
<VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
A: Bug <VibroplexCollectorsAssn@yahoogroups.com>
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318. Re: [VCA-USA] Need Bug Parts

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Date: 2017-03-08 07:36:10 UTC
From: The Smiths
Topic: 316 Message: 318
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Theses things can be found under the BUG KEY section of eBay for about $9 each.

Mike
N6MQL

On Mar 7, 2017, at 5:07 PM, 'Lee Becham'
becham@mindspring.com<mailto:becham@mindspring.com> [VibroplexCollectorsAssn]
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<paddle2[2].jpg>

319. W6SFM Bug Roundup Event is coming May!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2017-04-16 23:28:40 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 319 Message: 319

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Reserve the day! Saturday May 20th - Sunday May 21st, 2017
7:00 AM to 7:00 AM Pacific Time (LOCAL)
1400 UTC through 1400 UTC

For more information, to register your station and key for participation, and to help assist in spotting, potentially increasing QSOs, an On-line chat window link can be found near the bottom of Bug Roundup home page located at http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html We hope to hear you all on the air! 73,

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320. W6SFM Bug Roundup is Coming!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2017-10-19 20:05:11 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 320 Message: 320

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Reserve the date! The event begins on Friday November 17th (00:00 UTC) and concludes Sunday Nov. 19th (23:59 UTC), 2017
That's 4:00 PM Friday evening until 3:59 PM Pacific Time (LOCAL)

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321. 2018 New Year Start-up

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2018-01-14 12:45:13 UTC
From: glen.e77is@...
Topic: 321 Message: 321

Guys,
Got my 1940 Bug out and checked the rattles.
Yep !
Rattles and wiggles still there, just like always.
Feels good and Sounds good.

Still has that little piece of leather glued over the thumb bolt
which was (originally) to keep the ARC-5 keying voltage off my finger !

Still makes me watch my sending speed
... must match the metronome of the swinging weight.

! added the usual one-half drop of 3-n-1 oil
and checked snug-ness of axle (must have a little bit of play).

Using my old bug, salvaged from my first Ham Station in Norfolk, VA,
always makes me feel like I am 21 again ... for a while !

Glen, K4KKQ http://www.geocities.ws/glene77is/ http://www.geocities.ws/glene77is/

322. Question About Springs

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2018-01-30 01:53:44 UTC
From: Lee Becham
Topic: 322 Message: 322

Hi guys,

I’ve been slowly cleaning/repairing a double lever bug and I am looking for a source for replacement springs. Do any of you know if there is a source for them out there?

Thanks,
Lee – KD4NTS

323. W6SFM Bug Roundup Event is coming Next Weekend!

Yahoo group: VibroplexCollectorsAssn
Date: 2018-05-08 03:25:35 UTC
From: w6sfm@...
Topic: 323 Message: 323

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